



West Midlands Urban Community Homes Membership Policy

West Midlands Urban Community Homes (wMUCH) is a Community Benefit Society, registered with the Financial Conduct Authority (registration number 8098).

We operate for the benefit of the community in the West Midlands and the surrounding areas to support a movement for community led housing.

The objects of our organisation are:

- To provide and manage housing (including social housing) and provide assistance to help house people and associated facilities, amenities and services for the relief of financial hardship
- To advance education for the benefit of the public, especially in relation to community led housing
- To promote for the public benefit regeneration in areas of social and economic deprivation

You can read our full objects and Rules, the governing document of our organisation, [here](#). You can also read more about our purpose, vision and values [on our website](#).

Above, "West Midlands" means the area served by the West Midlands Combined Authority being the local authority areas of Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley, Sandwell, Solihull, Walsall and Wolverhampton.

wMUCH Membership

The wMUCH Board may admit as a Member of wMUCH any individual, corporate body or nominee of an unincorporated body, firm or partnership who supports the objects of the Society. Members must

- agree to pay the minimum £1 membership fee for one share in the Society
- be 18 years of age or older, if an individual
- have an interest in community led housing
- live or work in or around the West Midlands

Applications for Membership

Any individual or organisation who would like to become a Member of wMUCH must complete an application. This can be found [on our website here](#). The Board of Directors will consider each application and decide whether or not to approve it.

If a Member is a corporate body, their governing body should appoint a representative who can act on behalf of the organisation. Members who are corporate bodies should notify the Society in writing of its choice of representative.

Member Commitment

All Members agree to participate in general meetings and take an active interest in the operation and development of the Society and its business. Members have a duty to respect the confidential nature of the business decisions of the Society.

Termination of Membership

A Member will cease to be a Member of the Society immediately if they:

- fail to hold the minimum £1 shareholding
- resign in writing to the secretary
- are no longer eligible to be a member, in the reasonable opinion of the Board
- Are otherwise expelled from membership in accordance with our Rules
- Die, are wound up or go into liquidation

Expulsion from Membership

A Member may be expelled for conduct that is prejudicial (harmful or detrimental) to the Society by the Board. A Member whose expulsion is being considered will be given the opportunity to make representations to the Board about this matter.

No Member expelled from membership shall be re-admitted except by an Extraordinary Resolution.

The full details about membership that sit behind this policy are set out in our Rules, the governing document of our organisation, [here](#).