

Standing Order

Classes of Membership



The subscribers to the Memorandum of Association of NCP, and other persons or organisations as are admitted to membership in accordance with the Articles, shall be members of NCP. Each person or organisation that wishes to become a member will be required to complete an application form.

There are four classes of membership:

a) Ordinary Group Membership @ £10/annum

This class is for groups that are:

- registered charities or incorporated charitable companies or unincorporated voluntary organisations with a constitution or;
- not-for-profit organisations with purposes akin to charities or voluntary organisations or;
- a group of people that can show evidence that they are working together for the benefit of the community

b) Corporate Group Membership @ £75/annum

This class is for private sector organisations.

Potential members for the above classes must also be:

- based in the area of benefit as defined by the Memorandum of Association of NCP
- have a local presence in that area of benefit
- clearly provide a service for that area of benefit at a sub-regional, regional or national level

c) Individual Membership @ £5/annum

- This category is for interested individuals not representing a specific organisation.
- Applications will be decided individually on their merits.

Potential members whose activities are primarily political are not eligible for membership in the above classes.

d) Associate Group Membership @ £10/annum

Members of this category must be

- non-profit making and official statutory bodies serving the area of benefit
- be a properly constituted body of some other kind with a purpose beneficial to or supportive of the people in the area of benefit

General Information

- Each of the classes of Associate and Individual members shall not amount to more than 10% of the total membership
- Membership Meetings will be held quarterly
- Any annual cycle of meetings will be prepared, and published on the NCP website
- All members will be sent any information which are made generally available

Decisions on applications

- All applications will be considered at a quorate meeting of the Trustees.
- Applications approved by the Trustees will be endorsed at the AGM.
- Temporary membership will be granted in the interim period.

Refusal of membership

- The Trustees have the right to refuse an application for, or to terminate, membership
- Such a decision must be made at a quorate meeting of the Trustee Board
- The Trustees may only refuse an application for membership if, acting reasonably and properly, they consider it to be in the best interests of NCP to refuse the application
- The Trustees must inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal in writing within twenty one days of the decision
- The Trustees must consider any verbal or written representations that the applicant may make about the decision. The Trustees' decision following any written representation must be notified to the applicant in writing but shall be final

Termination of membership

Membership is terminated if:

- the member dies
- the member resigns by written notice to NCP unless, after the resignation there would be less than two subscribers to the Memorandum of Association
- any sum due from the member to NCP is not paid in full within one month of it falling due
- the member is removed from membership by a resolution of the Trustees that it is in the best interests of the NCP that his/her membership is terminated. A resolution to remove a member from membership may only be passed if:
 - the member has been given at least twenty-one days' notice in writing of the meeting of the Trustees at which the resolution will be proposed and the reasons why it is to be proposed
 - the member or, at the option of the member, the member's representative (who need not be a member of the company) has been allowed to make representations to the meeting

A member may at any time withdraw from NCP membership by giving at least seven clear days' notice to the organisation.

Register of Members

The Trustees must keep a register of names and addresses of the members.

Voting rights

Only Ordinary Group Members, Individual Members and the named representative of Corporate Group Members shall have voting rights (to avoid conflict of interest for statutory agencies).

Benefits of membership

- Membership will enable contribution by those who have an interest in furthering the objectives of the NCP
- The membership will be consulted on both the strategic direction of the NCP and on project work specific to their particular interest

Membership Fees

The membership fees, which are payable annually, are shown on Page 1 of this Standing Order.

Those businesses whilst members of the Newmarket Town Centre Association will automatically become Corporate Group Members of the NCP, subject to the approval of the Trustees.