

Membership of the Forum

The following categories of membership have been agreed by the forum:

Full members

Should be limited to organisations based within Greater Manchester whose primary purposes include providing not-for-profit passenger transport services to help overcome social exclusion. These can involve transport provision by any mode.

This class of member:

- Must sign up to the objectives and values of the Forum (as expressed on the membership form)
- Must agree to meet baseline standards set by the forum
- Have full rights to elect officers, stand for office, vote and carry out any other business at formal General Meetings of the Company
- Have the right to attend and vote (if relevant) at Forum meetings
- Can include a full membership logo on their own letterhead
- Will receive full documentation of all company and Forum meetings

Associate members

Associate membership may be extended to any statutory, voluntary, community or private organisation or individual providing that they are supportive of community transport services and organisations. These may include CVSs, community or voluntary organisations for whom transport is a secondary purpose, colleges and universities, etc. It is also hoped that statutory bodies, such as local authorities will take up membership on this basis.

This class of member:

- Must sign up to the objectives and values of the Forum
- Will be encouraged to attend Company and Forum meetings, but may be required to leave during specific items at the request of the Chair

Associate members will have no voting rights at Company or Forum meetings, but will be encouraged to attend and contribute.

Membership charges

The rate for associate is set at half the rate of basic full membership.

Full members

The rate will be determined by turnover, as follows

Turnover band	Annual membership fee
£0-59,999	£40
£60,000-149,999	£75
£150,000+	£150

Associate members

Annual membership fee - £20 per year