

Shareholders Policy

1. Obligation of Shareholders

- 1.1. Any person who is admitted to be a Shareholder agrees to be bound by the obligations on them as set out in the Vico Homes Rules. When acting as a Shareholder they shall act at all times in the interests of the Association and for the benefit of the community, as guardians of the objects of the Association.

2. Policy aims

- 2.1. The aims of this policy are to:
- set clear objectives for admitting new Shareholders;
 - ensure that new Shareholders are admitted to in line with statutory and regulatory requirements as well as in line with Vico Homes' Rules; and
 - ensure that the admittance practices are open and transparent.

3. Nature of Shares

- 3.1. The Association's share capital is raised by the issuing of shares. Each share has the nominal value of £1 and carries no right to interest, dividend or bonus. Shares are non-withdrawable and non-transferable.
- 3.2. When a Shareholder ceases to be a Shareholder or is expelled from the Association, such Shareholder's share shall be cancelled. The amount paid up on that share shall become the property of the Association, in accordance with Rule C3.

4. Nature of Shareholders

- 4.1. A Shareholder of the Association is a person whose name and address is entered in the Register of Shareholders. All Board members shall be admitted by the Board as Shareholders on their admission as Board members. No other person may be admitted as a Shareholder.
- 4.2. No Shareholder shall hold more than one share and each share shall carry only one vote.

5. Admission of Shareholders

- 5.1 Vico Homes' policy is to use a closed shareholding and therefore the only Shareholders of Vico Homes will be those who are Board members. All Board members will be appointed in accordance with the agreed Board Succession Planning and Recruitment Policy, which is made in accordance with the Rules and Code of Conduct and Ethics.
- 5.2 Those applicants who are successful in becoming Board members will also become a Shareholder. They shall pay the sum of £1 and their name and other necessary particulars will be entered in the Register of Shareholders. One share in the Association will be issued to the applicant, until such point that their shareholding ceases.

6. Termination of membership

- 6.1 A Shareholder shall cease to be a Shareholder if they cease to be a Board Member in accordance with Rule C7.
- 6.2 No one can become or remain a Board Member, and therefore a Shareholder, at any time, if they contravene any part of Rule D7.

7. Policy review

- 7.1 This policy will be reviewed as a minimum every three years and approved by the Secretary.