

**Membership Policy**

1. Any individual or organisation can join Gateshead LINK
2. To be a recognised member individuals and organisations must submit a completed Gateshead LINK Registration Form to the Gateshead LINK office administrator
3. All registered members must also complete the Gateshead LINK Declaration of Interest Form
4. Organisations will be allocated a maximum of 2 places on all relevant LINK working and decision making groups.
5. Organisations must notify the LINK of the names of their appointed representatives. They may appoint alternative individuals to replace their appointed representatives at any meeting of the LINK if their named representatives are unable to attend.
6. In the event of their representative person resigning or otherwise leaving the said organisation he or she shall immediately cease to be the representative of that organisation on Gateshead LINK.
7. Only registered members will be able to vote on Gateshead LINK business
8. In the event of a vote by Gateshead LINK members, registered organisations will be limited to 1 vote per organisation.
9. Members must declare any interest in a topic that is subject to a vote and the members present at the relevant meeting will decide whether that member should withdraw from the vote.

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