

Development Trusts Association Scotland

Item 6 – Membership fees

The Board of DTAS has agreed an increase in membership fees at their Board meeting on 14th August 2026 which will take effect from 1st April 2027.

The increase is as follows:

- Full membership fees to increase from £90 per year to £120 per year
- Provisional membership fees to increase from £50 per year to £75 per year from 1st April 2027 and again to £120 per year from 1st April 2028
- No change to associate membership fees

The increase in Full and Provisional membership fees will move us towards a single flat rate by 1st April 2028, reflecting the support provided at every stage of a development trusts journey.

The DTAS constitution states that the DTAS Board can determine annual membership fees. DTAS membership fees for full members have been increased twice in the 23-year history of DTAS. Once in 2008 (from £60 to £75) and again in 2018 (from £75 to £90). There has been no increase in membership fees for full members since 2018.

The Board acknowledges that any increase in fees should be carefully considered, particularly when our members are facing ongoing cost-of-living pressures. Membership fees only cover a small proportion – around 12.5% - of the cost of running our Member Support Service.

The Board has considered the value of the Member Support Service that DTAS provides as part of membership. Contact with your Member Support Advisor has been valued at £840 per year and external professional support through the member-only benefits has been valued at £731 per year. The Board considers that the value of the Member Support Service should be better reflected in the membership fees and therefore come to this decision.

DTAS Board
August 2026