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Tender

South Tyneside Local Infrastructure Organisation (LIO) for the Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise Sector (VCFSE) and the South Tyneside Healthnet Service

South Tyneside Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

S6894

Description

The Service to be provided is a South Tyneside Local Infrastructure Organisation (LIO) for the Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise Sector (VCFSE) and the South Tyneside Healthnet Service.

The Service Provider will take the lead for the VCFSE sector by:

- Supporting local organisations to access external funding.
- Having oversight and responsibility for volunteer recruitment and support.
- Leading the development of the VCFSE, via partnerships, collaboration, and consortia.

- Being 'the voice' of the VCFSE sector and contributing to the strategic priorities with the Council and more widely as appropriate.
- Providing support for key strategic developments across South Tyneside, promoting health and social care integration but also more wider initiatives around for example education and training.
- Support the capacity of local groups and organisations to host volunteer placements, identifying career progression routes for volunteers into careers and further self-development.
- Supporting all age developments.

The Service Provider will also provide the 'South Tyneside Healthnet' service, a local network which will be a collective voice for the people of South Tyneside to debate, influence and shape local health and wellbeing provision.

The annual value of the contract is £135,523.

Please note that this procurement is restricted to voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise (VCFSE) organisations only.

If you are not a VCFSE please do not submit a bid.

Total value (estimated)

- £406,569 excluding VAT
- £487,883 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2029
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

Contract locations

- UKC22 - Tyneside

Participation

This procurement is reserved for

- UK suppliers
- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSEs)

Conditions of participation

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Particular suitability

Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

6 February 2026, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

13 February 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

All tenders must be submitted electronically via <https://open-uk.org/> Project Number #OPEN2025904.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

The award decision will be made in 2 stages. The first stage will consist of a suitability stage where the Council will focus on the Tenderers' characteristics and suitability in principle to provide the Contract requirements. Submissions will initially be assessed in respect of the Procurement Specific Questionnaire (PSQ) responses. Subject to passing the PSQ assessment, the tender submissions (Tender Response Pro-forma) will be evaluated. Failure of any of the Pass/Fail sections will result in the failure of the PSQ submission, and evaluation of the tender (Tender Award Stage) will not occur.

All Tenderers who pass the Suitability Stage will be eligible to have their Tender submissions (Tender Response Pro-forma) assessed at the Award Stage (stage 2). The Award Stage considers the merits of the eligible Tenders to assess which Tenderer can be appointed to the Contract (Quality Assessment). The Council only uses a criterion that is linked to the subject matter of the Contract.

The Council has set the annual contract price it will pay for this service, therefore no price evaluation will be undertaken. The Award Stage assessment will be made solely on quality.

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Special regime

Light touch

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://open-uk.org/>

The tender pack is available free of charge via NEPO's Open E-Procurement System <https://open-uk.org/> - Project Number #OPEN20252150. If you are not already registered on this e-procurement system then you can do so free of charge.

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Contracting authority

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