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Planning

## **Flintshire Sustainable Food System Online Pre Market Engagement event**

Flintshire County Council

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## **Scope**

### **Description**

Flintshire County Council has identified the need for a sustainable food system to support households facing food poverty, particularly during school holiday periods. Current models of one-off financial support have been found to be short-term, costly, and unsustainable. The Council seeks a long-term solution that ensures affordable access to fresh, nutritious food (excluding Ultra-Processed Foods (UPF)), reducing reliance on emergency food provision, and improves health outcomes.

The expectation is the design and implementation of a food system which may include, but not limited to:

- Reaching rural communities with affordable fresh food and meal solutions.
- Community-based hubs providing access to hot, nutritious meals.
- Solutions that are targeted towards very vulnerable households.
- Solutions to support residents to transition to self funded food purchase.

- Innovative community based self service models of delivery.

The solution must:

- Be UPF-free and promote healthy, fresh, and balanced diets.
- Ensure value for money and demonstrate how costs will reduce annually to eliminate Council subsidy within 5 years.
- Be scalable and adaptable across diverse communities.
- Involve partnerships with community organisations, volunteers, and local supply chains.
- Be measurable against agreed success criteria (e.g. participation rates, reduction in food poverty indicators, health outcomes).

The commissioners will be holding a online Pre Market Engagement event on Wednesday 21st January 2026 (10.30AM to 11.30AM) to inform providers the Invitation to Tender process that the commissioners will follow for this commissioning exercise.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £1,000,000 excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 June 2026 to 31 March 2031
- 4 years, 10 months

### **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 55500000 - Canteen and catering services

## **Contract locations**

- UKL23 - Flintshire and Wrexham

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

21 January 2026

### **Engagement process description**

Commissioning of Sustainable Food System, Pre Market Engagement Online Meeting  
Wednesday 21st January 2026 (10.30AM to 11.30AM)

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Please register your interest in attending the Pre Market Engagement event by emailing:

[Mirinda.misell-bryan@flintshire.gov.uk](mailto:Mirinda.misell-bryan@flintshire.gov.uk)

Invitations to the online 'Pre Market Engagement event will then be issued following registration of interest.

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

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## **Submission**

### **Publication date of tender notice (estimated)**

16 February 2026

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## **Procedure**

### **Special regime**

Light touch

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## Contracting authority

### Flintshire County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNJC-2356-PCDV

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Region: UKL23 - Flintshire and Wrexham

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Wales