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Tender

Provision of a Seasonal Pantomime

Halton Borough Council

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Scope

Description

Halton Borough Council is seeking an experienced production company to work with the Council to produce an annual Pantomime over the next three years 2026-2029 at the Brindley Theatre, Runcorn.

The Brindley Theatre is Halton's 21-year-old, purpose-built theatre situated in Runcorn, Cheshire. The building is fully accessible and includes a 424-seat proscenium arch theatre (less up to 13 seats for sound desk positions), wheelchair access, 119 flexible Studio space, Library, Education Room, Bar and Café. All public parking is provided free of charge.

The Brindley Theatre is a previous winner of the National Lottery Best Arts Project in the UK and also holds a Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence.

The annual schedule is balanced between a mixed programme of professional work across all the art forms and community, commercial hires and classes. The current season can be viewed online at www.thebrindley.org.uk. Tickets for all Theatre and Studio events can be purchased in person, by telephone or online.

The Brindley Theatre has been successfully presenting professional Pantomime for 21 years and has firmly established a reputation for traditional family productions.

We aim to produce a show that is unique to our venue and draws on collaborative skills to achieve the highest quality and value for money for our audiences.

The Council has fixed the price of this provision to £65,000 per annum.

To view the full specification and access the RFQ documentation and requirements, please register your interest in this opportunity via The Chest e-tendering portal: www.the-chest.org.uk.

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All questions must be submitted via the Chest messaging facility only.

Telephone enquiries will not be answered during the live tender process.

Closing date for questions: 27th January 2026 at 4pm

Closing date for Submissions: 3rd February 2026 at 2pm

Total value (estimated)

- £390,000 excluding VAT
- £468,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 June 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2032
- 5 years, 10 months

Description of possible extension:

3 x 12 month extensions:

1ST EXTENSION: 1ST APRIL 2029 TO 31ST MARCH 2030

2ND EXTENSION: 1ST APRIL 2030 TO 31ST MARCH 2031

3RD EXTENSION: 1ST APRIL 2031 TO 31ST MARCH 2032

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 92300000 - Entertainment services

Contract locations

- UKD71 - East Merseyside

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

27 January 2026, 4:00pm

Tender submission deadline

3 February 2026, 2:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

How to Access the RFQ Documentation:

To view the full specification, access the Request for Quotation documentation and requirements, and to register your interest in this opportunity please visit the Council's e-tendering portal:

www.the-chest.org.uk

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Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality - 100%	100% Quality Fixed Price	Quality	100%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Halton Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLTJ-1788-CBLR

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Region: UKD71 - East Merseyside

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government