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Planning

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Transformation Partner

Gateshead Borough Council

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Scope

Reference

IT168

Description

Gateshead Council is scoping requirements and looking for expressions of interest from suppliers for a multi year contract for an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Transformation Partner.

This partner would work with the Council to provide innovative opportunities for applying AI in the daily operations of the Council to deliver savings, reduce costs and improve services to residents.

Total value (estimated)

- £5,000,000 excluding VAT
- £6,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2031
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

Contract locations

- UKC22 - Tyneside

Engagement

Engagement deadline

23 January 2026

Engagement process description

The Council has issued a questionnaire that can be downloaded via the OPEN tender portal, <https://www.open-uk.org/opportunities>. Interested suppliers will need to register on the portal for access to the questionnaire.

Follow up 1-2-1 meetings will be arranged with suppliers who submit completed questionnaires.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Contracting authority

Gateshead Borough Council

- UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number): 10002639
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPGY-1151-NJQN

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Region: UKC22 - Tyneside

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government