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Award

Connect to Work - Individual Placement Support Provider

Stoke on Trent City Council

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Scope

Reference

CDO/2025/253

Description

Stoke on Trent City Council is seeking to appoint an Individual Placement Support provider as part of the Connect To Work programme. The appointed provider will help to establish a pathway back in to employment and help to sustain existing employment. Funded by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP), this programme aims to support individuals with complex barriers to employment through tailored, person-centred interventions. Staffordshire County Council is acting as the accountable body for this programme, working in close collaboration with Stoke-on-Trent City Council.

Contract 1

Supplier

- THE GROWTH COMPANY LIMITED

Contract value

- £2,222,095.20 excluding VAT
- £2,777,619 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

16 January 2026

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

16 January 2026

Standstill period

- End: 27 January 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

28 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 28 January 2026 to 1 March 2030
- 4 years, 1 month, 5 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79611000 - Job search services
- 85312320 - Counselling services

Contract locations

- UKG23 - Stoke-on-Trent

Information about tenders

- 12 tenders received
- 9 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 9 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 8 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

THE GROWTH COMPANY LIMITED

- Companies House: 02443911
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLRD-7665-DLPV

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Manchester

M1 5JW

United Kingdom

Email: busdev@growthco.uk

Website: <https://www.growthco.uk/>

Region: UKD33 - Manchester

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

Stoke on Trent City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDQZ-1442-RZTZ

Civic Centre, Glebe Street

Stoke-on-Trent

ST4 1HH

United Kingdom

Email: categorymanagement@stoke.gov.uk

Region: UKG23 - Stoke-on-Trent

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government