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Planning

Education Transport Services

Bracknell Forest Borough Council

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Scope

Description

Bracknell Forest Council is considering establishing an Open Framework agreement for the delivery of Education Transport Services. The new agreement is anticipated to commence on 1st August 2026. In preparation for this, Bracknell Forest Council will be hosting pre-market engagement sessions to engage with potential suppliers regarding the new agreement and to seek feedback.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £18,000,000 excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2026 to 31 August 2029
- Possible extension to 31 August 2034
- 8 years, 1 month

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60170000 - Hire of passenger transport vehicles with driver

Contract locations

- UKJ11 - Berkshire

Engagement

Engagement deadline

5 February 2026

Engagement process description

In preparation to establish an Education Transport Services agreement, Bracknell Forest Council will be hosting pre-market engagement events to engage with potential suppliers regarding the new agreement and to seek feedback. Areas to discuss with bidding suppliers will include:

- To update providers on plans for a new and improved BFC agreement for the provision of education transport services
- To highlight key requirements from Taxi Licencing
- To outline the practice the Council intends to adopt
- To explore key areas of development and to seek feedback from providers on those key areas
- To provide an overview of the Proactis E-tender Portal and Central Digital Platform including registration
- To allow providers the opportunity to ask questions about plans for the new agreement

Both an in-person session at Bracknell Forest Council offices and online session via Microsoft Teams will be offered to suppliers. Please see the below details:

11:30 - 12:30 on 10th February 2026 - Online event via Microsoft Teams

11:30 - 12:30 on 11th February 2026 - In person event held at Bracknell Forest Council, Time Square, Market Street, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1JD. Please report to the main reception and advise you are attending the Education Transport pre-market engagement session.

Any suppliers wishing to attend one of the above sessions should provide confirmation of the session they wish to attend, the attendee(s) name, job title, contact number and email address (if joining the online session). Please send confirmations to procurement.team@bracknell-forest.gov.uk by 17:00 5th February 2026.

Alternatively, if you are not able to attend, and you would like a copy of the materials following the session, please submit that request to procurement.team@bracknell-forest.gov.uk by 17:00 5th February 2026.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

7 April 2026

Contracting authority

Bracknell Forest Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJMT-6544-CVZD

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Region: UKJ11 - Berkshire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government