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## **Leisure Centre Operator - VEAT Notice**

Maidstone Borough Council

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-043980

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ45 - Mid Kent

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Leisure Centre Operator - VEAT Notice

Reference number

DN710692

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79993000 - Building and facilities management services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Contract is for the operation of Leisure Property assets undertaken by Maidstone Leisure Trust - including Maidstone Leisure Centre, Lockmeadow Health Club and Mote Park Outdoor Adventure

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £2,500,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ45 - Mid Kent

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The Council have taken the decision to extend the current contractual arrangement with Maidstone Leisure Trust for the provision of operating services across the Maidstone Leisure Trust sites.

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The leisure services contract for Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park Outdoor Adventure and Lockmeadow Health Club is being extended from August 2024 for a period of five years, with up to three one-year extensions thereafter. The reasons for this are as follows;

- The contract extension and the variable end date of the extension period allows Maidstone Borough Council (the Council) to be flexible and agile in its planning for the future of the leisure centre
- The contract extension allows for further development of plans for the re-building or renovation of the existing leisure centre
- The contract extension will set leisure provision by the Council on a sustainable and consistent footing for five to eight years.
- The Council will develop detailed plans and a planning application for a future leisure centre, refurbished or redeveloped, which will be put out to tender
- Maidstone Leisure Trust is an independent not-for-profit community benefit society which gives the Council significant tax exemptions and other benefits
- Any new tender would be for a short period on an ageing building. It is unlikely to be appealing to operators in the current market who are likely to want a longer tenure and a commitment to operating the current premises and the new premises
- The contract extension is in line with Reg 72.1.c;

(i) the need for modification has been brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority could not have foreseen (the ongoing effect of COVID on the leisure market);

(ii) the modification does not alter the overall nature of the contract (the overall nature of

the contract will not be altered);

(iii) any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract or framework agreement (this is the case).

**IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

9 February 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Maidstone Leisure Trust

Maidstone Leisure Centre

Maidstone

ME15 7RN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ45 - Mid Kent

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £2,500,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Mid Kent Legal Services

Swale House

Sittingbourne

Country

United Kingdom