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Leisure Futures

Oxford City Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Contact

Procurement@oxford.gov.uk

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

National registration number

https://www.oxford.gov.uk

Internet address(es)

Main address

https://www.oxford.gov.uk

Buyer's address

https://www.oxford.gov.uk

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Leisure Futures

II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 92000000 - Recreational, cultural and sporting services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Oxford City Council is holding an 'open day' for potential partners on Friday March 3rd, 1.30pm – 4pm at Oxford Town Hall. This will enable potential partners to understand our vision and be able to ask questions. If you would like to attend this session please contact Hagan Lewisman (Active Communities Manager) at hlewisman@oxford.gov.uk by 5pm on the 2nd March, advising us of the names and roles of those attending. Thank you for considering us.lan Brooke (Head of Community Services)

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

92000000 - Recreational, cultural and sporting services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Oxford

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Oxford City Council prides itself in delivering world class services and innovatively finding new solutions to meet today's challenges. We are an award winning council with an excellent track record. Like most councils, our budgets are under immense pressure, we have seen a £7m reduction in funding because of austerity measures. While the Council will do all it can to prioritise protecting services that support the most vulnerable, we will need to find new ways of doing things and need to take tough choices to balance our budget. Our leisure centres contract expires in April 2024, which provides an opportunity for these facilities to better meet changing community needs – to reflect this we are considering changing the name from leisure to Active Wellbeing Centres. We will look to provide the best possible leisure service – we will do this through a period of dialogue with potential operators and compare this with an in-house comparator. We want an innovative solution that balances cost and social value and to improve the role the centres play in delivering the outcomes in the council's corporate plan. We also wish to explore how we can improve the links with parks and outdoor activity. This provides an opportunity to integrate local authority services to enable a preventative, customer focussed long-term model to be developed. We now have a window of opportunity to reimagine how Oxford's leisure centres could play a more substantial role in tackling health inequalities that is more integrated with work by health and Oxfordshire County Council public health providers. The recently produced Fit for the Future: the role of district councils in improving health and wellbeing: makes a strong case for integrating council-run leisure and wellbeing services into the health system.

II.2.14) Additional information

A more detailed brief is available via the in-tend portal or procurement@oxford.gov.uk.we are seeking expressions of interest to discuss the potential procurementOxford City Council is holding an 'open day' for potential partners on Friday March 3rd, 1.30pm – 4pm at Oxford Town Hall.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

17 February 2023

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Introduction Oxford City Council prides itself in delivering world class services and innovatively finding new solutions to meet today's challenges. We are an award winning council with an excellent track record. Like most councils, our budgets are under immense pressure, we have seen a £7m reduction in funding because of austerity measures. While the Council will do all it can to prioritise protecting services that support the most vulnerable, we will need to find new ways of doing things and need to take tough choices to balance our budget. Our leisure centres contract expires in April 2024, which provides an opportunity for these facilities to better meet changing community needs – to reflect this we are considering changing the name from leisure to Active Wellbeing Centres. We will look to provide the best possible leisure service - we will do this through a period of dialogue with potential operators and compare this with an in-house comparator. We want an innovative solution that balances cost and social value and to improve the role the centres play in delivering the outcomes in the council's corporate plan. We also wish to explore how we can improve the links with parks and outdoor activity. This provides an opportunity to integrate local authority services to enable a preventative, customer focussed long-term model to be developed. We now have a window of opportunity to reimagine how Oxford's leisure centres could play a more substantial role in tackling health inequalities that is more integrated with work by health and Oxfordshire County Council public health providers. The recently produced Fit for the Future: the role of district councils in improving health and wellbeing: makes a strong case for integrating council-run leisure and wellbeing services into the health system. Our strategic direction Oxford City Council have just agreed a new Thriving Communities Strategy which includes our approach to leisure services. The Strategy brings together leisure, culture, and our work with communities to tackle inequalities. We will do this by encouraging welldesigned neighbourhoods and parks where healthy lifestyles are the norm (sometimes called healthy place-shaping) developing skills, ensuring growth is inclusive, strengthening communities and improving access. Thriving Communities is one of the four interconnected pillars of this plan, alongside our commitment to tackling climate change, building an inclusive economy and affordable housing. We have just completed a £13 million pound leisure centre decarbonisation programme making innovative improvements to Oxford's leisure centres. The Strategy aims include targeting our resources where they will have the greatest impact, adapting and integrate our services so they can react to changing community needs, working more closely with partners and connecting with the integrated care system and developing stainable, inclusive and accessible leisure and community offer.