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## **Stockport Bereavement Service**

Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council

F01: Prior information notice

Reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.due-north.com>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com>

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Cremation Services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Stockport Bereavement Service

Reference number

DN660235

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 98370000 - Funeral and related services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

Stockport Council are undertaking this prior information notice to consult with potential providers to inform our subsequent approach and procurement programme whilst reducing timeframes for the receipt of tenders to 15 days.

Any response or information related to this prior information notice which influences the procurement process will be documented in accordance with Regulation 84 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/102). Involvement in this prior information notice will not preclude any organisation from participating in any future tender process, nor will there be any advantage or disadvantage when participating.

Objectives

Inform the market of the upcoming opportunity

further develop their service provision and standards to provide appropriate options in fitting and dignified surroundings all of which will dovetail into the SMBC long term plan for sustainability & meet environmental & climate change requirements for the benefit of our community.

Please refer to the PIN documentation for a number of questions to be answered.

Interested parties are asked to provide their responses via the Chest - Reference DN660235

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 98370000 - Funeral and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

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

Our Vision

Stockport crematorium has served the Community since 1934 and has created an environment that is respectful, fitting and dignified so that families who live within the Borough and surrounding areas can say goodbye to their loved ones.

We pride ourselves on the Community focussed service that we provide which includes various ways of commemorating loved ones, choosing appropriate memorialisation and providing flexible funeral times including weekends.

Collaboration with Friends of the Cemeteries groups as well as working in partnership with Stepping Hill Hospital, our local Funeral Directors, SANDS, Adult Care, HM Coronial Service and faith groups ensures that we drive and deliver quality services which are appropriate and meet the needs of our communities.

We want to make sure we are providing a modern and responsive service that makes use of technology to provide the best possible experience for families and others involved in the bereavement process while ensuring this aligns to the ambition, values and environmental priorities of SMBC.

Purpose

Stockport MBC's crematorium & burial administration contract comes to an end in March 2023. The current service delivery model is split between 2 organisations, with an external contractor managing the administration of the service as well as the operation of Stockport Crematorium, whilst SMBC staff manage the operation of the rest of the cemeteries across the Borough.

As we continually strive to deliver the best service possible for the residents of Stockport and the surrounding areas, we would now like to combine all the aspects of the service in to one single amalgamated delivery model.

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

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

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

24 April 2023

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### **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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