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Award

## **W722 - Longbridge Weir Hydroelectric Plant Maintenance**

Derby City Council

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

W722

### **Description**

The Longbridge Weir Hydropower House was constructed in 2011 to generate renewable electricity, primarily for the Council House. Derwent Hydroelectric Power Ltd was the original designer and constructor of the installation and has provided operation and maintenance services since commissioning.

The plant has now been operational for approximately 14 years. As it approaches the later stages of its asset lifecycle, several major components are at increased risk of failure due to age and will require replacement within the next five years. Ongoing operation and maintenance therefore require specialist technical knowledge of the original design and construction of the installation.

Accordingly, a direct award is permitted under the Procurement Act 2023, Schedule 5, item 6(a), as competition is absent for technical reasons and only a particular supplier can supply the required services. The market for contractors capable of maintaining and

upgrading a small-scale hydropower installation of this nature is extremely limited. The plant requires a cost-effective 24-hour emergency response capability, which most specialist providers are unable to deliver. Derwent Hydroelectric Power Ltd is locally based, enabling this requirement to be met. As the original constructor, the supplier also has detailed and unique knowledge of the plant, presenting a significant technical barrier to alternative providers. The small scale of the installation further reduces commercial viability for other contractors. These market conditions are not expected to change.

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## **Contract 1. W722 - Longbridge Weir Hydroelectric Plant Maintenance**

### **Supplier**

- DERWENT HYDROELECTRIC POWER LIMITED

### **Contract value**

- £730,000 excluding VAT
- £876,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Award decision date**

7 January 2026

### **Standstill period**

- End: 9 February 2026
- 8 working days

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

19 March 2026

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 50532400 - Repair and maintenance services of electrical distribution equipment

### **Contract locations**

- UKF11 - Derby

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## **Procedure**

## Procedure type

Direct award

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## Supplier

### **DERWENT HYDROELECTRIC POWER LIMITED**

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHZG-3177-ZGZQ

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Region: UKF13 - South and West Derbyshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## Contracting authority

### Derby City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQVM-1383-ZBXP

The Council House - Corporation Street

Derby

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Website: <https://www.derby.gov.uk/>

Region: UKF11 - Derby

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government