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Award

South Tyneside Pledge Evaluation

South Tyneside Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

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Description

The South Tyneside Pledge, launched in 2022, is a community wealth-building initiative designed to retain more economic value within the borough in response to the macroeconomic shock of the COVID-19 pandemic. It brings together over 400 organisations from the public, private, and voluntary sectors, all of which are either based in or provide services within South Tyneside.

The Pledge is coordinated by the Policy and Insight team, with strong cross-Council collaboration involving Strategic Investment & Growth, Communications, Procurement, Sustainability, and other departments. It represents a collective commitment to inclusive growth, local investment, and community resilience.

Purpose of the Evaluation

This evaluation aims to assess the impact of the South Tyneside Pledge over the past

three years, focusing on how effectively it has delivered against its nine core commitments. The findings will inform future strategy, identify areas for improvement, and celebrate successes across the partnership.

Contract 1

Supplier

- ORTUS ECONOMIC RESEARCH LIMITED

Contract value

- £13,971.60 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

29 January 2026

Earliest date the contract will be signed

11 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 12 February 2026 to 30 May 2026

- 3 months, 19 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)

Information about tenders

- 14 tenders received
- 14 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 14 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 13 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Supplier

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLLR-3213-LXDL

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Newcastle Upon Tyne

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United Kingdom

Email: andrew.graves@OrtusER.co.uk

Website: <http://www.OrtusER.co.uk>

Region: UKC22 - Tyneside

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

South Tyneside Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYPB-8737-VBHG

Town Hall and Civic Offices, Westoe Road

South Shields

NE33 2RL

United Kingdom

Email: strategic.procurement@southtyneside.gov.uk

Region: UKC22 - Tyneside

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government