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Provision of the Aspire Education Programme within the City of Newport

Newport City Council

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Scope

Reference

NCC-2024-02351

Description

This Transparency Notice is to inform the market of Newport City Council's intention to direct award a contract to Newport Live to deliver the Aspire Education Programme. The Aspire Education Programme delivered by Newport Live in their own community venues, including use of sport venues, provides pre-16 learning and educational opportunities to young people from Year 10 and Year 11 from three high schools across the city who are at risk of becoming NEET (young people not in education, employment or training). The current high schools are Lliswerry High School, Llanwern High School and The John Frost High School. The programme will be expanded to include Newport High School as from 1 April 2025. The community venues accommodate up to 12 pupils from each high school at any one time, with a current total of 36 places available on a rolling programme which will expand to 48 when

Newport High School commence to use the service. There is a variety of bespoke provision delivered from each individual Aspire school site to support the individual needs of learners who require specialist support. The contract will be for a 3 year period commencing on 1 April 2025 with a possible extension of 2 years years to offer stability and consistency to young people who use it and will allow for the development of the market to increase supplier interest in tendering in the future. The extension of a possible 2 years will only be granted after the market has been reviewed, whether funding is available and a review of contract management.

Contract 1. Provision of Aspire Education Programme within Newport

Supplier

- [Newport Live](#)

Contract value

- £2,600,000 excluding VAT
- £3,120,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

31 March 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

The extension of a possible 2 years will only be granted after the market has been reviewed, whether funding is available and a review of contract management.

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

There is a possibility that additional placements will be required for High Schools already using the service and that other High Schools within Newport may also wish to procure this service.

CPV classifications

- 80200000 - Secondary education services

Contract locations

- UKL21 - Monmouthshire and Newport

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Light touch

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

Newport Live, a Leisure Trust, has delivered the Aspire programme since April 2023 in community venues across the city, delivering vocational/alternative qualifications (Princes Trust, B-Tech, Highfields, Sweet as well as external providers such as SWFRS Phoenix Project) with success to young people from Llanwern High School, Lliswerry High School and John Frost High School. A total of 137 vocational/alternative qualifications were achieved in 2023/2024. They are also able to provide work experience within the Trust for Arts & Theatre, Sport Science and admin functions to the young people who attend the programme to ready them to enter into employment. The community venues near the high schools detailed and around the city means that the young people can be part of their own school community rather than being placed out of county which may result in disengagement from education. In a limited market within the city, Newport Live have the skillset, knowledge, experience and understanding to be able to continue to deliver the Aspire Education Programme to meet the individual needs of young people at risk of exclusion within Newport, including those who currently attend, enabling them to reintegrate with mainstream education provision or remain within their school community whilst receiving an alternative curriculum model.

Supplier

Newport Live

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Region: UKL21 - Monmouthshire and Newport

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Wales