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## **Supply of Gas to Ards and North Down Borough Council**

Ards and North Down Borough Council

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Town Hall, The Castle

Bangor

BT20 4BT

#### **Contact**

Stephen Brennan

#### **Email**

[procurement@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKN09 - Ards and North Down

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Supply of Gas to Ards and North Down Borough Council

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 09121200 - Mains gas

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

The supply of gas to various sites within Ards and North Down Borough

Council. This arrangement will be reviewed regularly and will continue until no longer than 31st March 2023.

**II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

**II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £1,052,000

**II.2) Description**

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN09 - Ards and North Down

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

The supply of gas to various sites within Ards and North Down Borough Council. This arrangement will be reviewed regularly and shall continue until no longer than 31st March 2023.

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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

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

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to open procedure
- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting authority

Explanation:

A further competition has been issued via an existing framework (procured via Open Procedure) for the supply of gas however due to the current political situation, none of the suppliers on the framework were willing to enter into a fixed price contract. Only two bids were received, neither of which were suitable, by the closing date of 28.02.2022.

Due to the extreme and continuing market volatility, suppliers are unwilling to enter into contracts for the foreseeable future. Under the Energy Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, the incumbent suppliers will continue to supply gas to Ards and North Down Borough Council under a Deemed Contract. This arrangement will last until prevailing market conditions allow a new tendering exercise to be undertaken or until 31st March 2023, whichever is soonest.

#### 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 V. Award of contract/concession

### Contract No

1

### Title

Supply of Gas to Contract Sites within Ards and North Down Borough Council

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract/concession

**V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

1 April 2022

**V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

LCC Group Ltd T/A Go Power

Cookstown

Email

[lynn@gopower.co.uk](mailto:lynn@gopower.co.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN0B - Mid Ulster

Internet address

<https://gopower.co.uk/>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £568,000

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**Section V. Award of contract/concession**

**Contract No**

2

## **Title**

Supply of Gas to IC Tariff Sites within Ards and North Down Borough Council

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

1 April 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

SSE Airtricity Energy Supply NI Ltd

Belfast

Email

[michael.donnelly@sse.com](mailto:michael.donnelly@sse.com)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN06 - Belfast

Internet address

<https://www.sseairtricity.com/uk/home/>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £484,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Procurement Manager

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Bangor

Country

United Kingdom