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Planning

## **Infrastructure Support Service for the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Sector**

Stockton on Tees Borough Council

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

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### **Description**

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council is seeking to appoint a suitably experienced partner to deliver a Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector Infrastructure service. The aim of the contract is to support a vibrant and growing local Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector across the Borough.

The successful organisation will act as a leading strategic partner in the Borough, working with other leaders across sectors in alignment with the Borough's priorities and strategies, including the 'Stockton-on-Tees Plan 2024', the Fairer Stockton-on-Tees Strategic Framework and Powering our Future missions (as detailed in the Stockton-on-Tees Plan).

## **Commercial tool**

Establishes a framework

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years, 6 months

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 98100000 - Membership organisation services

## **Contract locations**

- UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

14 April 2025

## **Engagement process description**

Expressions of interest are invited from organisations who have demonstrable experience in working with and supporting organisations from the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector Infrastructure.

This market consultation is published on the North East Procurement Organisation's OPEN Procurement Portal at <https://open-uk.org/>

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Stockton on Tees Borough Council**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCVQ-6435-GNMW

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government