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Planning

Primary Phase Catering 2026

West Sussex County Council

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Scope

Reference

I-50013

Description

To provide a catering service to the primary phase schools

Total value (estimated)

- £150,000,000 excluding VAT
- £180,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2031
- Possible extension to 31 July 2036
- 10 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55524000 - School catering services

Contract locations

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Engagement

Engagement deadline

27 September 2024

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

Engagement process description

Market Engagement with the school meal provider market to give opportunity to both parties to explore food solutions within our Primary phase schools in the future. Published Wed 04 September 2024, Closed Friday 27 September 2024.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 August 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

West Sussex County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXJW-5627-QRQR

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government