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Contract

## **CT1168 - Accredited Pathways and Certified Counsellors and Therapists**

City of Edinburgh Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-013473

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

City of Edinburgh Council

Waverley court

Edinburgh

EH8 8BG

#### **Contact**

Anna Penman

#### **Email**

[anna.penman@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:anna.penman@edinburgh.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00290](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00290)

**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**

CT1168 - Accredited Pathways and Certified Counsellors and Therapists

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

AWARD of the Flexible Purchasing Framework

The City of Edinburgh Council has created a Flexible Purchasing Framework of providers in line with the National Improvement Framework for Education. The vision for education in Edinburgh is to ensure excellence by raising attainment and improving outcomes through Accredited Pathways and Certified Counsellors and Therapists: ensuring that every child and young person achieves the highest standards in literacy and numeracy, as well as the knowledge and skills necessary to shape their future as successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens, and effective contributors.

The City of Edinburgh Council will realise this vision by achieving equity: ensuring every child and young person has the same opportunity to succeed, regardless of their background, social circumstances, additional needs or shared protected characteristics, with a particular focus on closing the poverty related attainment gap, and improving mental health and wellbeing.

In order to achieve this, The City of Edinburgh Council will work to reduce the Poverty Related Attainment Gap (PRAG) through a transdisciplinary approach. Delivery of excellence will be achieved via the Edinburgh Imperative, which has four key themes to support reduction of the PRAG: Attendance, Literacy & Numeracy, Pathways, Health and Wellbeing.

Collaboration and relationship building with partner providers is a key theme to support young people's outcomes being at the heart of everything we do. Partner Providers will support schools to provide a service which ensures pupils receive high quality education which meets their needs, delivers improved educational outcomes and avoids exclusion.

The City of Edinburgh Council are encouraging a 'Place Based' approach to services and supports to families and young people. The intention is to develop comprehensive supports that are within 20minutes of any identified need.

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Value excluding VAT: £5,000,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Accredited Pathways

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80100000 - Primary education services
- 80110000 - Pre-school education services
- 80200000 - Secondary education services
- 80300000 - Higher education services
- 80340000 - Special education services
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Main site or place of performance

across the city of Edinburgh

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

**\*\* AWARD NOTICE \*\***

Accredited Pathways services will support achievement of an accredited pathway/s.

For learners working within Early Level to Fourth Level the accreditation should align to the Benchmarks and or Experiences and Outcomes within the Curriculum for Excellence. For learners working within the Senior Phase the accreditation must be nationally recognised. For both categories, the Provider will work with referring schools to ensure recognised accreditation is achieved upon completion or discharge from a provider's service, or in line with award dates.

The provision offered will extend the supports offered through the curriculum, complementing and expanding on what is already there.

We are looking to procure services which:

- Work in flexible and goal-orientated ways to complement the learner's education, in partnership with their school.
- Address barriers to learning which can arise within the school community and as a result of additional support needs.
- Provide evidence of outcomes achieved.
- Enable the voices of learners and their families to shape the support provided and contribute to solutions.
- Offer accreditation.
- Work towards Health and Wellbeing experiences and outcomes, linked to the Curriculum for Excellence.

In partnership with the School, the Provider should be able to demonstrate inclusive practice and improved outcomes in an aspect of the Edinburgh Imperatives.

We want our future commissioned services to build on these strengths and to do the following:

- Work in strengths based, solution focussed and restorative manner.
- Demonstrate efficiencies, innovation and added value.
- Contribute to a wider learning culture within the partnership to improve outcomes.
- Provide sustainable best-value approaches.

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

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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The Council consider this opportunity to be procured under the Light Touch Regime of Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Certified Counsellors and Therapists

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85312320 - Counselling services
- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people
- 85312400 - Welfare services not delivered through residential institutions

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Main site or place of performance

throughout the City of Edinburgh.

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

### **\*\* AWARD NOTICE \*\***

The Provider's activity will support achievement of targets within the health and wellbeing pathway/s. Early Level to Fourth Level, the targets should align to the Benchmarks, and Experiences and Outcomes within the Curriculum for Excellence. In Senior Phase the targets must support achievement of accreditation within nationally recognised frameworks. For all learner phases, the Provider will work with referring schools to ensure recognised targets are achieved upon completion or discharge from a provider's service, or in line with award dates.

The provision offered will extend the supports offered through the curriculum, complementing and expanding on what is already there.

We are looking to procure services which:

- Work in flexible and goal-orientated ways to complement the learner's education, in partnership with their school.
- Address barriers to learning which can arise within the school community and as a result of additional support needs.
- Provide evidence of outcomes achieved.
- Enable the voices of learners and their families to shape the support provided and contribute to solutions.
- Work towards Health and Wellbeing experiences and outcomes, linked to the Curriculum for Excellence
- Work with Counsellors and Therapists who are certified with relevant qualifications and membership of Governing bodies

In partnership with the School, the Provider should be able to demonstrate inclusive practice and improved outcomes in an aspect of the Edinburgh Imperatives.

We want our future commissioned services to build on these strengths and to do the following:

- Work in strengths based, solution focussed and restorative manner.

- Demonstrate efficiencies, innovation and added value.
- Contribute to a wider learning culture within the partnership to improve outcomes.
- Provide sustainable best-value approaches.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Form of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure**

Approval of application to join the Flexible Purchasing Framework will be dependent on a Tenderers ability to satisfy all Mandatory Criteria as detailed in the Instructions to Tenderers document.

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-031677](#)



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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

Certified Counsellors and Therapists

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

19 March 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 13

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 13

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 13

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 13

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

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

CrossReach

Charis House, 47 Milton Road East

Edinburgh

EH15 2SR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

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

Impact Arts

105 Brunswick St

Glasgow

G1 1TF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Karen Sykes

6 St John's Terrace

Edinburgh

EH12 6NW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Miriam McHardy

2 Victoria Terrace

Musselburgh

EH21 7LW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

MYPAS

176 High Street

Edinburgh

EH22 1AY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Nordoff Robbins

4 Logie Mill, Beaverbank Business Park

Edinburgh

EH7 4HG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Place2Be

175 St John Street

London

EC1V 4LW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Space at Broomhouse Hub

79-89 Broomhouse Crescent

Edinburgh

EH11 3RH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

With Kids

15 Annfield Place, Dennistoun

Glasgow

G31 2XE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,500,000

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### **Section V. Award of contract**

#### **Lot No**

1

#### **Title**

Accredited Pathways

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

19 March 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 64

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 64

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 64

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 64

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

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

Abernethy

Nethybridge

Inverness-shire

PH25 3ED

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

About Youth

The Calders Community Flat, G1 Dunsyre House North

Edinburgh

EH11 4JH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Action for Children Services Ltd

3 The Boulevard (Company Registered Address), Ascot Road

Watford, Hertfordshire

WD18 8AG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

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

Barnardo's

111 Oxfords Road North

Edinburgh

EH14 1ED

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

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

Big Hearts

Tynecastle Park, McLeod Street

Edinburgh

EH11 2NL



Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Bridgend Farmhouse

41 Old Dalkeith Road, Bridgend Farmhouse

Edinburgh

EH16 4TE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Career Ready

133 Whitechapel High Street

London

E1 7QA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

CHAI (Community Help & Advice Initiative)

28 Westfield Avenue

Edinburgh

EH112QH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Children 1st

83 Whitehouse Loan

Edinburgh

EH9 1AT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

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

Circle

18 West Pilton Park

Edinburgh

EH4 4EJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Citadel Youth Centre

175 Commercial Street

Edinburgh

EH6 6JE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

City of Edinburgh Gymnastics Club

5/12, SINCLAIR PLACE

EDINBURGH

EH11 1AG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Columba 1400

63 McDonald Road

Edinburgh

EH7 4NA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM63 - Lochaber, Skye & Lochalsh, Arran & Cumbrae and Argyll & Bute

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Cutting Edge Theatre

6/6 Albion Terrace

EDINBURGH

EH7 5QX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Drake Music Scotland

SPACE, 11 Harewood Road

Edinburgh

EH16 4NT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Dynamic Earth

Holyrood Road

Edinburgh

EH8 8AS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Edible Estates CIC

Norton Park, 57 Albion Road

Edinburgh

EH7 5QY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Enable Scotland

Inspire House, 3 Renshaw Place, Eurocentral

Holytown

ML1 4UF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Friends of the Award (Edinburgh and the Lothians)

The Risk Factory , 20 New Mart Road

Edinburgh

EH14 1RL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Gold and Gray Soccer Academy

21 Milligan drive

Edinburgh

Eh16 4WJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Harmeny Education Trust

Mansefield Road

Edinburgh

EH14 7JY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland



The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Hearts and Minds

4 Castle Terrace

Edinburgh

EH1 2DP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

humanutopia Limited

Barnston House, Beacon Lane

Heswall, Wirral

CH60 0EE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD7 - Merseyside

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Imaginate

30b Grindlay Street

Edinburgh

EH3 9AX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Impact Arts

105 Brunswick St

Glasgow

G1 1TF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

LGBT Youth Scotland

Mitchell House, 5/1 Mitchell Street

Edinburgh

EH6 7BD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Light Up Learning

5 Calton Rd, Edinburgh

Edinburgh

EH8 8DL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

LinkLiving

Link House, 2C New Mart Road

Edinburgh

EH14 1RL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Move On

52 St Enoch Square

Glasgow

G14AA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Muirhouse Youth Development Group

Muirhouse Youth Development Group, c/o Craigroyston Community High School, 67  
Pennywell Road

Edinburgh

EH4 4NL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

OutdoorClassrooms.Scot LTD

10 Hazel Drive

Bonnyrigg

Eh19 3eh

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Play2Learn Sports Coaching

PO Box 28630

Edinburgh

EH4 9DU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Professional salon training Ltd

Haypark Business Centre, Room 22 , Marchmont avenue , Polmont

Falkirk

FK2 0NZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

RUTS

58 Queensway

Penicuik

EH26 0JJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

RZSS

Edinburgh Zoo Discovery & Learning Dept., 134 Corstorphine Road

EDINBURGH

EH12 6TS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Scran Academy

2nd floor, 1 Waterfront Ave

Edinburgh

EH2 1SG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Screen Education Edinburgh

30 Ferry Road Avenue

Edinburgh

EH4 4BA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME



Yes

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

Space at Broomhouse Hub

79-89 Broomhouse Crescent

Edinburgh

EH11 3RH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

The Spartans Community Football Academy

The Spartans Community Football Academy, 94 Pilton Drive

edinburgh

eh5 2hf

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

The Drama Studio

19, Belmont Road

Edinburgh

EH145DZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

The Junction (Young People - Health & Wellbeing)

82-86 Great Junction Street

City of Edinburgh

EH6 5LL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

The Larder West Lothian

Unit 6 B2 Brewster Square, Brucefield Industrial Estate

Livingston

EH54 9BJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM78 - West Lothian

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Salvesen Mindroom Centre

Suite 4/3 Great Michael House, 14 Links Place

Edinburgh

EH6 7EZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

The Speech Language Communication Company

42-44 Castle Street

Dundee

DD1 3AQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Tinderbox Collective

15a Pennywell Court

Edinburgh

EH4 4TZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

U-Evolve

525 Ferry Road

Edinburgh

EH4 2NY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Volunteering Matters

5-7 Montgomery Street Lane, Edinburgh

Edinburgh

EH7 5JT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Wildside Nature

11 Kirkhill Drive

EDINBURGH

EH16 5DH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

WorkingRite

1A Northinch Court

Glasgow

G14 0UG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

South East Scotland Regional Scout Council

71 Bonaly Road

Edinburgh

EH13 0PB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,500,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Please Note: It is a mandatory requirement of this Flexible Purchasing Framework that a prompt payment clause is present in all Contracts used in the delivery of the requirements. This ensures payment of sub-contractors at all stages of the supply chain within 30 days and includes an obligation to provide a point of contact for sub-contractors to refer to in the case of payment difficulties. This will require active monitoring of payment performance as well as the provision of evidence and reports to the Council on request or as contractually scheduled.

Please note: The information contained within this notice and attached documents is subject to further development and change. Should these changes take place an addendum will be attached to this notice.

Please note: The establishment of a Flexible Purchasing Framework will act as platform for the future procurement and as such is not a guarantee of any work or financial commitment.

Please Note: Tenderers were also asked to confirm that they will pay staff that are involved in the delivery of services under the contract, at least the real Living Wage.

(SC Ref:764746)

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

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

Sheriff Court

Sheriff Court House, 27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures



A tenderer that suffers loss as a result of a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session. The City of Edinburgh Council (the Council) will have a minimum standstill period of 10 days before awarding the contract. The communication of the award decision notice will be sent by fax or e-mail to all tenderers with the standstill period commencing on the next day. If proceedings are started in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session against the Council in respect of the decision to award the contract within the standstill period then the Council is prevented from awarding the contract. Post contract award the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session may (1) award damages provided proceedings are brought within 3 months from the date when the grounds for the bringing of the proceedings first arose (2) be entitled to issue an ineffectiveness order or impose a financial penalty on the Council. A claim for an ineffectiveness order must be made within 30 days of the Contract Award Notice being published in the FTS or within 30 days of the date those who expressed an interest in or otherwise bid for the contract were informed of the conclusion of the contract or in any other case within 6 months from the date on which the contract was entered into.