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Tender

## **South Midlands Connect to Work Programme (Milton Keynes Area)**

Milton Keynes City Council

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

2025-256

### **Description**

Milton Keynes City Council are currently out to tender for the provision of South Midlands Connect to Work Programme (Milton Keynes Area).

Milton Keynes City Council has been awarded grant funding by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to participate in the Connect to Work initiative, via the accountable body 'West Northants Council (WNC)' as part of the South Midlands region.

Connect to Work is the initial and significant element of the Get Britain Working Strategy, the aim of which is to support people with disabilities, those with health conditions and people with complex barriers, to find suitable work.

The Connect to Work Programme aims to support individuals furthest from the labour market into sustainable employment. It is a voluntary programme launched by DWP (the

Department for Work and Pensions) to help tackle economic inactivity by providing a specific form of supported employment targeted at the right people at the right time, based on their individual circumstances. It is a national programme, delivered in clusters of local authorities. In the case of this region, the South Midlands cluster – namely Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire, Luton, Milton Keynes City, North Northamptonshire and West Northamptonshire.

For the purposes of this tender opportunity, it relates to the Milton Keynes City element of the programme.

The Contractor will be expected to deliver the five stages of the supported employment model:

- Engagement: Building relationships with local services to raise aspirations and confidence among potential Participants.
- Vocational Profiling: A detailed discovery process to identify Participants' strengths, needs, and employment goals.
- Employer Engagement: Building partnerships with employers to understand their needs and support Participants through the recruitment process.
- Job Matching: Identifying job vacancies that match Participants' profiles and working with employers to create suitable roles.
- On and Off the Job Support: Providing tailored support to Participants and employers to ensure sustained employment and career progression.

This procurement is being undertaken via the Open procedure under the Light Touch Regime.

The Council proposes to enter into a contract that will be for a term of 2 years and 7 months with the successful tenderer (Service Provider) unless terminated in accordance with the Conditions of Contract.

Tender submissions must be returned electronically via the Authorities e-tendering portal In-Tend: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/milton-keynes/asp/Home> as per the prescribed instructions in the tender documentation.

Deadline for submissions of the tender will be 12 noon on 19th March 2026.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £1,615,950 excluding VAT
- £1,939,140 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 September 2026 to 31 March 2029
- 2 years, 7 months

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 80500000 - Training services
- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 85300000 - Social work and related services

### **Contract locations**

- UKJ12 - Milton Keynes

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### **Submission**

## **Enquiry deadline**

2 March 2026, 11:59pm

## **Tender submission deadline**

19 March 2026, 12:00pm

## **Submission address and any special instructions**

Tender submissions must be returned electronically via <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/milton-keynes/asp/Home> as per the prescribed instructions in the tender documentation.

## **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

## **Languages that may be used for submission**

English

## **Award decision date (estimated)**

7 August 2026

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## **Award criteria**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>
Simple description	Quality - 100% All criteria are stated in the tender document set, published on In-Tend.	Price

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### **Weighting description**

Quality - 100%

All criteria are stated in the tender document set, published on In-Tend.

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### **Other information**

#### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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### **Procedure**

#### **Procedure type**

Open procedure

#### **Special regime**

Light touch

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## Documents

### Associated tender documents

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/milton-keynes/asp/Home>

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### Contracting authority

#### Milton Keynes City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLDZ-6131-PWZH

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Region: UKJ12 - Milton Keynes

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

