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Planning

Household Recycling Centre, Waste Transfer Stations and Associated Services

Dorset Council

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Scope

Reference

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Description

This Preliminary Market Engagement Notice is not a call for competition. It is being published to give notice to the market of an upcoming procurement anticipated for release in September 2025.

Dorset Council is undertaking preliminary market engagement, with the aim of requesting feedback from the waste management industry, about aspects of the Council's waste procurement strategy for Household Recycling Centres, Waste Transfer Stations and associated services.

The market engagement exercise is intended to allow interested organisations with appropriate experience to outline their views and ideas about the future provision of these services.

The operational service delivery elements would commence on 28 August 2026.

No information provided in response to this questionnaire will be used by the Council in assessing providers during the procurement process, which is scheduled to commence September 2025.

Any procurement for the supply and services required by the Council will be carried out strictly in accordance with Procurement Regulations.

Potential bidders are all encouraged to register on the Central Digital Platform.

This Preliminary Market Engagement Notice is not a call for competition and is published with the intention of informing the market of an upcoming procurement process.

Dorset Council reserves the right not to commence any procurement in respect of this notice.

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The information contained in this Preliminary Market Engagement Notice is preliminary in nature and may be subject to further amendment and revision. Accordingly, no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, will be made and no liability is, or will be, accepted by the Council as to the adequacy, accuracy or completeness of this document. Any liability however arising is expressly disclaimed.

No expense in responding to this soft market testing will be reimbursed by the Council.

Total value (estimated)

- £130,000,000 excluding VAT
- £156,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 29 August 2026 to 29 August 2034

- Possible extension to 28 August 2038
- 12 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 90500000 - Refuse and waste related services

Contract locations

- UKK25 - Dorset

Engagement

Engagement deadline

3 May 2025

Engagement process description

Dorset Council is undertaking preliminary market engagement, with the aim of requesting feedback from the waste management industry, about aspects of the Council's waste procurement strategy for Household Recycling Centres, Waste Transfer Stations and associated services.

The Council wishes to seek feedback from the industry in the following specific areas, but would welcome any additional comments also:

- Deliverability of this procurement exercise
- Services to be included
- Contract length
- Terms and conditions

The process will involve relevant companies and organisations responding to the market engagement questions provided on the Council's e-tendering portal Supplying the South West Portal - <https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=c1b2defc-bc16-f011-8136-005056b64545&p=696a9836-1895-e511-8105-000c29c9ba21>

The deadline for responses is 12 noon on 2nd May 2025, (late submissions will not be accepted).

Any clarification questions should be submitted via Supplying the South West Portal no later than 12 noon on 23rd April 2025.

It is not a requirement that all sections are completed by all respondents.

Where Dorset Council think further clarification would assist them in informing this process, one-to-one meetings may be necessary with interested organisations who complete and return the questionnaire.

Please be aware that no information submitted will be treated as confidential and may be disclosed to ensure a level playing field for all participants in any procurement process that may follow. Additionally, the council will only sign Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs) using its standard terms and conditions if subsequently requested.

Contracting authority

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