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## **Demand Responsive Transport**

Cheshire west and Chester Borough Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03408d

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

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

Cheshire west and Chester Borough Council

The Portal

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**NUTS code**

UKD6 - Cheshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=3e866d7b-37dc-ec11-8114-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=3e866d7b-37dc-ec11-8114-005056b64545>

**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**

Demand Responsive Transport

Reference number

DN614451

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

- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)

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

Services

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

Cheshire West & Chester Council (CW&C) has made a successful bid to the Rural Mobility Fund to launch a new Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) public bus service serving the rural area surrounding Frodsham & Helsby, as shown in Annex A. A large part of the area is not currently provided with bus services – this will be an additional service, which will complement existing services. This pilot DRT service will test how a flexible service, primarily booked through an App, can provide an option that will meet the travel needs of many people whom the current bus network does not serve. Attractive service branding and proactive marketing will seek to attract new users who are currently lacking affordable transport (particularly younger people).

Whilst the service will introduce new resources into the area (three new accessible vehicles) it will also seek to follow 'Total Transport' principles and make better use of existing vehicles through integration with the local Community Transport projects and potentially the Council's in-house fleet, to enhance the service offer. The service will be fully accessible, enabling easy access for passengers with mobility or sensory impairments.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKD6 - Cheshire

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

A pilot bus service for 3 years including call centre. The full specification is available in the tender documents on the Chest, [www.the-chest.org.uk](http://www.the-chest.org.uk). The core service is Monday - Friday, but prices are also requested for Saturdays and Sundays. These days may be awarded via call off if affordable within the contract budget envelope (see full details in the specification).

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £900,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **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**

All documents are available - [www.the-chest.org.uk](http://www.the-chest.org.uk)

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

28 June 2022

Local time

10:00am

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

28 June 2022

Local time

10:05am

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

Royal Courts of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom