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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 2033
- 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

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## **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.

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

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

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## **Submission**

### **Publication date of tender notice (estimated)**

23 June 2025

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## **Procedure**

### **Special regime**

Light touch

## Contracting authority

### West Sussex County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXJW-5627-QRQR

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Region: UKJ27 - West Sussex (South West)

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government