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Planning

Temporary Accommodation

West Sussex County Council

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Scope

Reference

I-1092

Description

This is a market engagement in relation to Temporary Accommodation for Homeless families

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2030
- Possible extension to 31 March 2032
- 6 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 98341000 - Accommodation services

Engagement

Engagement deadline

16 April 2025

Engagement process description

Please note that the information contained in this notice is estimated and full details of any tender will be included in the tender notice. Temporary Accommodation in West Sussex Early Engagement & Soft Market Testing West Sussex County Council (WSSCC) is exploring different options for temporary accommodation that will promote and safeguard the wellbeing of homeless people and asylum seekers in need of temporary accommodation. There will be a focus on privately owned accommodation/independent settings instead of commercial properties. The Council wishes to engage with accommodation providers, supplying temporary and emergency accommodation as defined by the Housing Act 1996 Pt VII to homeless individuals and households. This is in preparation for a potential procurement exercise for emergency and temporary accommodation services. The Refugee Resettlement & Migration Service at West Sussex County Council is dedicated to supporting refugees and migrants to resettle and integrate successfully into our communities. Working in close partnership with central government, particularly the Home Office, we are committed to providing appropriate and sustainable accommodation solutions for individuals and families in need. With a recent increase in demand, we are seeking to collaborate with organisations to enhance the availability of

suitable housing options across West Sussex. This market engagement and soft market testing exercise aims to identify whether there is a potential to increase the number, type of organisations, and private parties who would be interested in the delivery of accommodation to WSCC. The Council is seeking providers of six main types of accommodation: 1. Temporary Accommodation Houses: For Individuals and families with children and young people who are homeless, as well as for refugees and migrants, including those from Ukraine, Afghanistan, and Sudan. 2. Rooms in Houses of Multiple Occupancy: To accommodate Ukrainian, Afghan, and Sudanese refugees and migrants. 3. Temporary Access Beds: Specifically for 16- and 17-year-olds. 4. Unregistered Accommodation: To meet a variety of needs within the refugee and migrant community. 5. Longer-Term Accommodation: Buildings with multiple units, such as flats, to provide stable housing options for families and individuals. 6. Accommodation Requiring Refurbishment: Sites that may need refurbishment to bring them up to a suitable letting standard, which could be used to support the service's objectives. The Council would like to identify providers of these services to better understand the capacity and available supply of such accommodation in West Sussex. Through this market engagement and soft market testing exercise, the Council aims to engage in early informal dialogue with providers to gain an understanding and information in preparation for a potential procurement exercise in the future. Please submit your completed document via email to BSDProcurement@westsussex.gov.uk by midday on Wednesday 7th May 2025 Following this initial engagement, the Council will reach out to providers to seek feedback and explore opportunities for delivering accommodation services in partnership with West Sussex County Council.

Participation

Particular suitability

Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

18 April 2025

Contracting authority

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