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Planning

VCSE Infrastructure Support

Newcastle City Council

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Scope

Description

The authority is procuring two separate contracts:

1. VCSE Infrastructure Support
2. Volunteer Support Service.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2029
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

Contract locations

- UKC22 - Tyneside

Engagement

Engagement deadline

21 October 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

Engagement process description

Between September - October 2025, the Council undertook stakeholder engagement with 66 VCSE organisations by survey, 6 VCSE organisations in one-to-one feedback meetings and 150 individuals representing organisations attending four Neighbourhood network meetings, alongside organisations involved in partnering with the Housing and Communities team. Additionally, 17 representatives from across the Council took part in a survey and Q&A meeting.

Provider engagement took place in Newcastle upon Tyne on the 20 October 2025.

Expressions of interest and clarification questions were fielded via the OPEN portal.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Newcastle City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBHM-6848-TWYG

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