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Tender

## **T2730 - Development, Management and Delivery of Culture Night Belfast 2026**

Belfast City Council

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

T2730

### **Description**

An experienced Contractor is required to develop, manage, and deliver Culture Night Belfast 2026. The key components of this tender will include:

- Large-scale event management skills and curation of events.
- Co-design of events with individual artists or contributors.
- Knowledge of the cultural sector, including funded and non-funded organisations, freelance, artists, libraries and heritage, as well as strong existing relationships with the sector across the city.
- Safety, accessibility and communication with key stakeholders and statutory agencies.

- Marketing resources appropriate for an event of this scale.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £300,000 excluding VAT
- £360,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 11 May 2026 to 10 February 2027
- Possible extension to 10 February 2028
- 1 year, 9 months

Description of possible extension:

The Council reserves the right to extend/renew the Contract for up to a further 12 months. Any extension may be subject to further approval by Council Committee, availability of funding and satisfactory performance of the Contractor.

### **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

If the Council renews the contract, the following optional service will be delivered:

- Development, Management, and Delivery of Culture Night Belfast 2027.

### **Main procurement category**

## Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 79952100 - Cultural event organisation services
- 92000000 - Recreational, cultural and sporting services
- 79952000 - Event services

### **Contract locations**

- UKN06 - Belfast

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## **Participation**

### **Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation**

Modern Slavery Statement.

GDPR Compliance.

Safeguarding.

Insurances.

See tender documents for further information.

### **Technical ability conditions of participation**

Previous Experience Event Manager/Producer.

Previous Experience of Team Members.

Health and Safety Management System.

Social Value Procurement Policy - Organisational Behaviours.

See tender documents for further information.

### **Particular suitability**

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

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

27 March 2026, 12:00pm

### **Tender submission deadline**

2 April 2026, 12:00pm

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

<https://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk>

**Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

## Languages that may be used for submission

English

## Award decision date (estimated)

1 May 2026

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## Award criteria

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Proposed Approach/Concept	See ITT document of tender pack.	Quality	20%
Marketing and Communications	See ITT document of tender pack.	Quality	20%
Resource and Budget Plan	See ITT document of tender pack.	Quality	20%
Understanding of Requirements	See ITT document of tender pack.	Quality	15%
Social Value	See ITT document of tender pack.	Quality	15%
Stakeholder Engagement/Management	See ITT document of tender pack.	Quality	10%

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## Other information

### Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

## **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Open procedure

### **Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice**

The Department did not have sufficient time to undertake a formal PME exercise.

A thorough review process of Culture Night 2025 was carried out, which provided the Department with an in-depth understanding of the capacity of the sector. An associated evaluation report was

produced, which includes recommendations for the delivery of future Culture Nights in Belfast - this will be part of the tender pack and all prospective Bidders will have access to the same information.

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Belfast City Council**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQXY-5321-CGZM

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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland