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Planning

Refuge Provision

Leicester City Council

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Scope

Description

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Total value (estimated)

- £3,955,000 excluding VAT
- £4,746,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2032
- Possible extension to 31 March 2034
- 7 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85311000 - Social work services with accommodation

Contract locations

- UKF21 - Leicester

Engagement

Engagement deadline

16 March 2026

Engagement process description

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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)

15 July 2026

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government