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Tender

Targeted Short Breaks Framework

Reading Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

RBC 00002441

Description

RBC are completing a Framework exercise for the provision of Targeted Short Breaks Framework - The Children's Act 1989 and Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children Regulations 2011 place a duty on local authorities to provide services designed to minimise the effect of their disability on disabled children, to give children the opportunity to lead lives which are as normal as possible and assist individuals who provide care for disabled children to continue to do so, or to do so more effectively, by giving them breaks from caring.

Suppliers that would like to take part in this process are invited to "Express Interest" upon which they will be given access to the full documentation delivered through this portal. Documents can be accessed from the "My Tenders" area of this website by selecting the "View Details" button for the project.

Expressions of interest will only be accepted until 25/03/2026.

Any questions relating to this opportunity should be made via the correspondence link on this portal.

Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

Total value (estimated)

- £480,000 excluding VAT
- £600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2028
- Possible extension to 1 June 2030
- 4 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

2 x 12 month extensions

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

Contract locations

- UKJ11 - Berkshire
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Lot 1. Community Short Breaks - Universal Offer

Description

Details of community short breaks are available via the Family Information Service and Local Offer.

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Community Short Breaks (also known as Targeted Short Breaks) - Targeted Offer

Description

The Community Short Breaks either consist of commissioned activity sessions or the provision of direct payments.

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. Specialist Short Breaks Offer

Description

The specialist short break offer is provided at Cressingham. This can be in the form of an overnight short break or children accessing the service to attend the Independence Club or day service.

Lot value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

1 June 2030

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

The selection process is based on 50% quality and 50% price, the full details of which will be located in the documents

Award method when using the framework

With competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Community Short Breaks - Universal Offer

Lot 2. Community Short Breaks (also known as Targeted Short Breaks) - Targeted Offer

Lot 3. Specialist Short Breaks Offer

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

Submission

Tender submission deadline

25 March 2026, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/readingbc.aspx/Home>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

4 May 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	50%
Price	Price	50%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/readingbc.aspx/Home>

Contracting authority

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