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## **The Appointment of a Managing Agent for Sunderland City Council Business Centres**

Sunderland City Council

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

OPEN20251574

### **Description**

Sunderland City Council ("the Contracting Authority" and/ or "the Council") is intending to appoint a Managing Agent to provide a range of key services at its Business Centres ("the Centres") namely, Evolve Business Centre, Sunderland Software Centre, and Washington Business Centre.

The Managing Agent will be required to deliver all the services for the Council in relation to the Centres as more particularly described within the Specification as included in the procurement documents (together "the Services").

The contract shall operate for an initial term of five years, with the option to thereafter extend the contract (at the Council's absolute discretion) for a further period or periods up to a maximum of five years.

## **Contract 1. The Appointment of a Managing Agent for Sunderland City Council Business Centres**

### **Supplier**

- NORTH EAST BUSINESS AND INNOVATION CENTRE LIMITED

### **Contract value**

- £4,932,825.86 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Award decision date**

24 February 2026

### **Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers**

24 February 2026

### **Standstill period**

- End: 5 March 2026
- 8 working days

## **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

16 March 2026

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031
- Possible extension to 31 March 2036
- 10 years

Description of possible extension:

The Council is anticipating entering into a contract with the Managing Agent with the option to extend the contract (at the Council's absolute discretion) for a further period or periods up to five years.

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **Additional procurement category**

Works

## **CPV classifications**

- 48200000 - Networking, Internet and intranet software package
- 50300000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services related to personal computers, office equipment, telecommunications and audio-visual equipment
- 50700000 - Repair and maintenance services of building installations

- 70300000 - Real estate agency services on a fee or contract basis
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

## **Contract locations**

- UKC23 - Sunderland

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## **Information about tenders**

- 3 tenders received
- 3 tenders assessed in the final stage:
  - 3 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
  - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 2 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

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## **Submission**

### **Submission type**

Requests to participate

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

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## Supplier

### **NORTH EAST BUSINESS AND INNOVATION CENTRE LIMITED**

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Sunderland City Council**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLVZ-4154-GGRZ

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government