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Tender

Tender for Play Area Development, North Seaton Colliery

ASHINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Scope

Description

Ashington Town Council invites qualified and experienced play area developers to tender for the planning, consultation, design, and installation of a new play area at North Seaton Colliery. This tender forms part of our selection process to identify a supplier, with detailed designs and final costs to be developed following a community consultation process.

Project Overview

The Council seeks to develop a new play area at North Seaton Colliery, Links View, Ashington that delivers:

- ? An accessible play space for children of all abilities.
- ? Sustainable design and materials.
- ? Equipment that encourages imaginative and physical play.
- ? A space that reflects the needs and desires of the local community.
- ? A facility that enhances the local environment.

Approach

The Council will shortlist suppliers, following submissions.

Shortlisted suppliers will be invited to a presentation.

? Selection of Supplier: Based on capability, experience, approach to community engagement, and sustainable design principles.

? Development Phase: Following selection, the appointed supplier will lead community engagement and develop detailed designs and costings.

Budget Considerations

It is important to note that:

? The total budget for this project is not yet finalised but is expected to be in the region of £50,000 - £60,000.

? Funding will comprise a combination of external funding and capital funds set aside by the Council.

? The budget flexibility allows designs to be scaled according to funding secured.

? Value for money will be a consideration in the final design approval.

Clarification of Funding Timeline

While the total budget is yet to be finalised, the Council expects to firm up funding upon completion of the design and cost estimation phase. Tenderers should be prepared to propose scalable options that can be adapted based on available funding.

Evaluation Criteria

Tenders will be evaluated on:

Technical capability and products (25%)

? Design approach and philosophy

? Equipment quality and innovation

? Technical expertise in play area development

Previous experience (25%)

- ? Track record of similar community play projects
- ? Evidence of successful community engagement
- ? References and case studies

Ethics and Environmental Responsibility (30%)

- ? Sustainability of materials and processes
- ? Accessibility and inclusivity approach
- ? Environmental impact considerations

Presentation (20%)

- ? Clarity & structure of the proposal (5%)
- ? Depth of understanding of project requirements (5%)
- ? Approach to community engagement (5%)
- ? Responses to questions during Q&A (5%)

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Total value (estimated)

- £60,000 excluding VAT
- £72,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 11 June 2025 to 31 October 2025
- 4 months, 20 days

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Additional equipment or enhancements could be established depending on funding secured.

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 45112723 - Landscaping work for playgrounds

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

This procurement is reserved for

UK suppliers

Particular suitability

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

Enquiry deadline

2 May 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

16 May 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

sarah.eden@ashingtontowncouncil.gov.uk

Tenders may be submitted electronically

No

Award criteria

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Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://www.ashingtontowncouncil.gov.uk/news/news.php?s=2025-04-10-tender-opportunity-north-seaton-colliery-play-area>

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Technical specifications to be met

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Contracting authority

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