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Tender

Provision of a Children's Residential and Accommodation Framework (Re-open 2026)

Southend-on-Sea City Council

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2026/S 000-017918

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05fe9a

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Southend-on-Sea City Council

Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend On Sea, Essex

Southend On Sea

SS26FA

Contact

Lucy Gayler

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKH31 - Southend-on-Sea

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.southend.gov.uk/>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.duenorth.com>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of a Children's Residential and Accommodation Framework (Re-open 2026)

Reference number

DN805199

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Southend-on-Sea City Council (SCC) is reopening the Children's Residential and Accommodation Framework. The Framework was originally established in September 2025. A description of each lot and applicable sub-lot is as set out below.

Framework Lots:

Lot 1: Residential Care Provision

For children unable to reside with their family, providing care, support, and a nurturing environment. Below are the applicable sub-lots:

- a) Individual Placements (including Emergency and Crisis Care)
- b) Block Booking
- c) Bespoke Arrangements
- d) Respite Placements

Lot 2: Supported Accommodation

For 16-25-year-olds, offering housing with additional support services to help transition to independent living. This lot will encompass the previous Transitional Supported Housing

services for 16-25-year-olds including young parents. Providing temporary housing with supportive services to help residents move towards and maintain permanent housing. Below are the applicable sub-lots:

- a) Multi-occupancy accommodation for 16-17-year-olds with support on site
- b) Multi-occupancy accommodation for 16-17-year-old Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children with support on site
- c) Solo placement accommodation for 16-17-year-olds with support on site
- d) Multi-occupancy accommodation for young people 18 - 25 with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF): Please note that this sub-lot will not be re-opening as part of this requirement.
- e) Multi occupancy for former relevant young people aged 18-25 who continue to have support needs but are not eligible for adult social care and/or young people aged 16 and 17 who are not looked after or a Child in Need but are homeless and require age-appropriate provision. Please note that this sub-lot will not be re-opening as part of this requirement.
- f) Multi occupancy accommodation for Young Parents 16-25 with access to support on site including for a duration of gestation.

Original Contract Term is 3 years (36 months). This framework was originally established in September 2025 and therefore the Framework contract term has already commenced.

All applicable tender documentation can be found on ProContract, the Council's e-procurement system.

The original Framework opportunity notice published for this requirement was on Contracts Finder (see link below). As a result, SCC will publish a combined Contract Award notice for this requirement based on;

- a) the original award details for establishing this framework and, b) the award details for re-opening the framework as per this associated notice.

Linked Notices to Re-opening of Framework 2026:

F01: Prior information notice (prior information only)

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-086587

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05fe9a (view related notices)

Published 31 December 2025, 2:51pm

F14: Notice for changes or additional information

Notice identifier: 2026/S 000-001600

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05fe9a

Published 8 January 2026, 4:19pm

F14: Notice for changes or additional information

Notice identifier: 2026/S 000-010554

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05fe9a

Published 5 February 2026, 2:49pm

Original Framework Opportunity Notice 2025:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/notice/7ca51e0c-87f3-4736-b7ab-c34331790e9d?origin=SearchResults&p=2>

Local Government Reform:

The contracting authority is Southend-on-Sea City Council and any Successor Body meaning one or more entities which assumes any of the Council's functions (as applicable) as a result of Local Government Reform (LGR). Such successor body or bodies may be, without limitation, a local authority, a combined county authority, a strategic authority or any other status determined pursuant to the Devolution and LGR Legislation

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £105,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 2

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following

lots or groups of lots:

Lot 1: Residential Care Provision Sub-lots: a) Individual Placements (including Emergency and Crisis Care) b) Block Booking c) Bespoke Arrangements d) Respite Placements
Lot 2: Supported Accommodation Sub-lots: a) Multi-occupancy accommodation for 16-17-year-olds with support on site b) Multi-occupancy accommodation for 16-17-year-old Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children with support on site c) Solo placement accommodation for 16-17-year-olds with support on site f) Multi occupancy accommodation for Young Parents 16-25 with access to support on site including for a duration of gestation.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Residential Homes

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH31 - Southend-on-Sea

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of a Children's Residential and Accommodation Framework Re-open 2026.

Southend-on-Sea City Council is reopening the Children's Residential and Accommodation services:

Lot 1 - Residential Homes

Lot 2 - Supported Accommodation in 2026.

Original Contract Term is 3 years (36 months), however this framework was established in 2025 and therefore the framework contract term has already commenced.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £89,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

22

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend: 24 months with 2 extensions available

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Supported Accommodation

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH31 - Southend-on-Sea

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £16,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

22

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend: 24 months with 2 extensions available

II.2.14) Additional information

Please note that the following sub-lots will not be re-opening:

d) Multi-occupancy accommodation for young people 18 - 25 with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF).

e) Multi occupancy for former relevant young people age 18-25 who continue to have support needs but are not eligible for adult social care and/or young people aged 16 and 17 who are not looked after or a Child in Need but are homeless and require age-appropriate provision.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2025/S 000-086587](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

30 March 2026

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

30 March 2026

Local time

1:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

The provisioning of documentation relating to the Procurement Process and the submission of Responses from interested Parties will be conducted electronically via Southend-on-Sea City Council's Electronic Tender Facility, ProContract:

<https://procurement.southend.gov.uk/southend/portal.nsf/index.htm>

The Candidates must ensure that they have downloaded and are fully aware of all the information which they are required to be in receipt of. This includes the Procurement Specific Questionnaire, Technical (Quality) Responses, Commercial (Price) Submissions, Tender Forms & Declarations.

All submissions must be forms to be completed online via Pro Contract. All key procurement timescales will be found within the ITT document attached to the tender pack on ProContract.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of England and Wales

High Court of England and Wales Royal Courts of Justice Strand London WC2A 2LL
United Kingdom

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom