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## **A Framework Agreement for the Provision of Independent Fostering Agencies (IFA) Services**

Southampton City Council

Portsmouth City Council

Bristol City Council

Oxfordshire County Council

Bournemouth Christchurch & Poole Council

Dorset Council (incorporating the former Dorset County Council, except the former Christchurch Borough Council )

Isle of Wight Council

Surrey County Council

Brighter Futures for Children for Reading Borough Council

Slough Children's Services Trust (Slough Borough Council)

Swindon Borough Council

Wokingham Borough Council

Bracknell Forest Council

Achieving for Children for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

West Berkshire Council

Wiltshire Council

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See the [change notice](#).

## **Section I: Contracting authority**

### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Southampton City Council

Civic Centre

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[www.southampton.gov.uk/business-licensing/supply-council/supply-portal.aspx](http://www.southampton.gov.uk/business-licensing/supply-council/supply-portal.aspx)

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0747](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0747)

### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Portsmouth City Council

3rd Floor Civic Offices, Guildhall Square

Portsmouth

PO1 2BQ

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKJ31 - Portsmouth

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.portsmouth.gov.uk](http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk)

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA4043](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA4043)

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Bristol City Council

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Bristol

BS1 1JG

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[procurement@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@southampton.gov.uk)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0006](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0006)

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Oxford

OX1 3EJ

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk)

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA2033](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA2033)

## **I.1) Name and addresses**

Bournemouth Christchurch & Poole Council

Town Hall, Bourne Avenue

Bournemouth

BH2 6DY

### **Email**

[procurement@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@southampton.gov.uk)

### **Country**

United Kingdom

### **NUTS code**

UKK24 - Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole

### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk](http://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk)

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=)

## **I.1) Name and addresses**

Dorset Council (incorporating the former Dorset County Council, except the former Christchurch Borough Council )

Town Hall, Bourne Avenue

Dorchester

DT1 1XJ

**Email**

[procurement@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@southampton.gov.uk)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKK2 - Dorset and Somerset

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=)

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Isle of Wight Council

Town Hall, Bourne Avenue

NEWPORT, Isle of Wight

PO30 2EA

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.iow.gov.uk](http://www.iow.gov.uk)

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA2406](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA2406)

### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Surrey County Council

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Leatherhead

KT22 7BA

### **Email**

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### **Country**

United Kingdom

### **NUTS code**

UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk)

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA1792](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA1792)

## **I.1) Name and addresses**

Brighter Futures for Children for Reading Borough Council

Civic Offices

Reading

RG1 7AE

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### **Country**

United Kingdom

### **NUTS code**

UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://brighterfuturesforchildren.org/>

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0112](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0112)

## **I.1) Name and addresses**

Slough Children's Services Trust (Slough Borough Council)

Town Hall, Bath Road

Slough

SL1 3UQ

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**Telephone**

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.sloughchildrenfirst.co.uk](http://www.sloughchildrenfirst.co.uk)

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA1308](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA1308)

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Swindon Borough Council

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Swindon

SN1 1TZ

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**Telephone**

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKK14 - Swindon

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Main address

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Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA1888](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA1888)

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Wokingham Borough Council

Shute End

Wokingham

RG40 1BN

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Main address

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Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA39690](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA39690)

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Bracknell Forest Council

Time Square, Market Street

Bracknell

RG12 1JD

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### **Country**

United Kingdom

### **NUTS code**

UKJ11 - Berkshire

### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk)

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0367](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0367)

## **I.1) Name and addresses**

Achieving for Children for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

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Twickenham

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### **Country**

United Kingdom

### **NUTS code**

UKJ11 - Berkshire

### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.achievingforchildren.org.uk](http://www.achievingforchildren.org.uk)

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0367](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0367)

## **I.1) Name and addresses**

West Berkshire Council

Council Offices, Market Street

Newbury

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**Country**

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UKJ11 - Berkshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.westberks.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0303](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0303)

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Wiltshire Council

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BA14 8JN

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**NUTS code**

UKK15 - Wiltshire CC

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Main address

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Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0771](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0771)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/business-licensing/supply-council/supply-portal>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://supplysouthampton.esourcingportal.com/>

## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

A Framework Agreement for the Provision of Independent Fostering Agencies (IFA) Services

Reference number

EC09/01/3096

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

This procurement is for the establishment of a framework agreement for the provision of independent fostering agency services across sixteen (16) local authorities that comprise the South-Central IFA Framework consortium. This ITT is to establish a Framework Agreement between Southampton City Council (on behalf of the South-Central IFA Framework consortium) and those tenderers successful in their applications to be accepted on to the framework to enable the provision of foster care placements in accordance with the terms of the framework agreement. The sixteen local authorities which comprise the South-Central IFA Framework consortium (thereby referred to as “The Councils”) are: Bracknell Forest Council, Bristol City Council, Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Council, Dorset

Council, Isle of Wight Council, Oxfordshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council, Reading Borough Council, Slough Children's Services Trust, Southampton City Council, Surrey County Council, Swindon Borough Council, West Berkshire Council, Wiltshire County Council, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, Wokingham Borough Council

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 (Standard Placements 0+ Years)

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Lot 1 (Standard Placements 0+ Years) - full details provided in procurement documents.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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



documents

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Potential for 2 x 12 month extensions.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2 (Children with Disabilities)

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Lot 2 Children with Disabilities - full details can be found within procurement documents.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Potential for 2 x 12 month extensions

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 3 (Parent and Child Placements)

Lot No

3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Lot 3 Parent and Child Placements - full details can be found within procurement documents.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Potential for 2 x 12 month extensions

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 4 (Enhanced Fostering Placements)

Lot No

4

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85311300 - Welfare services for children and young people

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

- UKL - Wales

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Lot 4 (Enhanced Fostering Placements) - full details can be found within procurement documents.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Potential for 2 x 12 month extensions

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

Originally published as:

Date

7 September 2021

Local time

12:00pm

Changed to:

Date

9 September 2021

Local time

4:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

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

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 5 January 2022

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

7 September 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: This procurement is being undertaken

under Regulations 74-76 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and will establish an open framework. Full details can be found in the procurement documents.

## **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

## **VI.3) Additional information**

This procurement is being managed by Southampton City Council, on behalf of the South Central IFA Framework consortium, in accordance with Regulations 74-76 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (“Light Touch Regime”). For any additional information related to this tender please see the published procurement documents. Applicants will be required to apply via the ‘Supply Southampton’ website which can be accessed via,

<http://www.southampton.gov.uk/business-licensing/supply-council/supply-portal.aspx>

where you can register your details and access documentation. The tender opportunity can be accessed by clicking on the ‘current opportunities’ link at the top of the homepage.

Freedom of Information — Applicants are advised that Southampton City Council is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (‘The Act’). If an applicant considers that any of the information supplied as part of this procurement procedure should not be disclosed because of its commercial sensitivity, confidentiality or otherwise, they must, when providing this information, clearly identify the specific information they do not wish to be disclosed and clearly specify the reasons for its sensitivity. Southampton City Council shall take such statements into consideration in the event that it receives a request pursuant to the Act which relates to the information provided by the interested party. Please note, it is not sufficient to include a statement of confidentiality encompassing all the information provided in the response. Southampton City Council shall not be responsible for any costs, charges or expenses incurred by applicants or tenderers and accepts no liability for any costs, charges or expenses, irrespective of the outcome of the competition, or if the competition is cancelled or postponed. Whilst every effort has been made to consider the full scope of the requirement the Council does not guarantee the volume of supplies/service/works required resulting from this tender or that it will accept any tender on completion of the tender exercise. Southampton City Council reserves the right not to award all or any part of this contract. All dates and time periods specified in this notice are only provisional and Southampton City Council reserves the right to change these. The Contracting Authority may be subject to governmental codes of practice or guidance relating to a transparency agenda, including the policy of publishing contracts and all other documents relating to public procurement activity. Accordingly and notwithstanding any



other provision within this notice, it should be noted that the Contracting Authority will publish any documents relating to the procurement and subsequent contract award resulting from this notice (but with any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA redacted) in accordance with the aforementioned governmental transparency agenda. When executing the contract within the United Kingdom, the successful supplier will be required to comply with the recommendations of the Code of Practice for Employment, published by the Equalities and Human Rights Commission. The suppliers will also be required to comply with the requirements of the Equality Act 2010. Further information on the Council's requirements on the aforementioned will be included in the invitation to tender documents.

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## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Public Procurement Review Service

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