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Tender

## **Contract for the provision of Short Breaks for Disabled Children**

Cheshire East Council

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

C2864 - DN773039

### **Description**

About Short Breaks in Cheshire East

Cheshire East Council is looking to provide a range of short breaks for disabled children (aged 0 to 18) and their families, resident in Cheshire East, in various settings and of various lengths ranging from a couple of hours to a half/full day session, provided after school at weekends and in school holidays. The services will be available at a time to suit the targeted individuals in order to provide flexible access. This will depend on the nature of the service being offered and will often include delivery out of standard working hours.

It is the intention of Cheshire East Council to commission 'free to access' short break sessions/activities using a Lead Provider model. Therefore, any bids submitted will cover the costs in full within the pricing schedule, without the need for subsidies from children and families accessing the session/activity. All services will be operational from 5th

January 2026.

The Lead provider may arrange and deliver the sessions directly or subcontract to other local providers that may deliver specific activities, ensuring comprehensive coverage across the Cheshire East Footprint. Collaboration with other local providers, the voluntary and community sector and Family Hubs will be central to the delivery of this service.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £880,000 excluding VAT
- £1,056,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 5 January 2026 to 4 January 2029
- Possible extension to 4 January 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

Initial Period: 05/01/2026 - 04/01/2029 (36 months)

with 1 x 12 months optional extension to be extended at the sole discretion of the Council.

The last possible end date if the extension is exercised is 04/01/2030.

### **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 85312120 - Daycare services for disabled children and young people

## **Contract locations**

- UKD62 - Cheshire East

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## **Participation**

### **Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation**

Please refer to Procurement Documents (PSQ Response Document) by expressing an interest in Project ID DN773039 at <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

### **Technical ability conditions of participation**

Please refer to Procurement Documents (PSQ Response Document) by expressing an interest in Project ID DN773039 at <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

### **Particular suitability**

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

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## **Submission**

**Enquiry deadline**

30 May 2025, 10:00am

**Submission type**

Tenders

**Tender submission deadline**

9 June 2025, 2:00pm

**Submission address and any special instructions**

<https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Unrestricted access to this opportunity is available via the Chest North West Portal, register for free at <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/> and express an interest in project ID DN773039

**Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

**Languages that may be used for submission**

English

**Award decision date (estimated)**

21 July 2025

## Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 1 May 2029

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## Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Qualitative Questions	Written responses	Quality	70%
Financial Evaluation	Pricing schedule	Price	20%
Presentation	Provider presentation	Quality	10%

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## Other information

### Payment terms

Please refer to Appendix B Conditions of Contract & Appendix B.1 TUPE Schedule. The TUPE Liability information is attached at Appendix D.

### Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

### Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

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## Procedure

## **Procedure type**

Competitive flexible procedure

## **Special regime**

Light touch

## **Competitive flexible procedure description**

The procurement process adopted by the Council is based upon the Competitive Flexible procedure.

In brief, the process will be as follows: -

All suppliers that express an interest in the opportunity will be provided with access to the tender documents including Procurement Specific Questionnaire (PSQ) Response Document that contains pass/fail conditions of participation and a Competitive Flexible Procedure (CFP) Response Document that contains the award stage Pricing Schedule, Qualitative Questions and Provider Presentation Requirements.

Both the PSQ Response Document and the CFP Response Document require completion in full and submission at the same time, prior to the tender deadline.

All tenderers that pass the conditions of participation (PSQ) will progress to the award stage and their CFP Response document will be assessed.

All tenderers that pass the conditions of participation (PSQ) will be invited to deliver a qualitative presentation and have this assessed as part of the award stage.

Tenderers that fail the conditions of participation, contained within the PSQ response document, will not progress to award stage and their CFP response document will not be assessed.

## **Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice**

some market engagement in the form of a survey took place between the 11th June 2024 and 5 July 2024, prior to the go live of the Procurement Regulations 2024.

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Cheshire East Council**

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government