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## **Quality Funded Early Learning & Childcare (1140 hours) Dundee**

Dundee City Council

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0470fe

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00220](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00220)

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

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

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**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**

Quality Funded Early Learning & Childcare (1140 hours) Dundee

Reference number

C&F/ELC/MAIN/05/25

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

- 85312110 - Child daycare services

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

Services

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

Dundee City Council wish to seek bid submissions from suitably qualified and experienced providers to supplement it's framework (Contract Reference C&F/ELC/MAIN/25) for Quality Funded Early Learning and Childcare so all eligible children residing in Dundee can access their entitlement to 1140 hours of funded Early Learning & Childcare.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £25,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

### **II.2) Description**

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

Early Learning & Childcare for Eligible 2 Year Olds

Lot No

1

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

- 80110000 - Pre-school education services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

The local authority area of Dundee.

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

Early Learning and Childcare for eligible 2 year old children if either: the parent is in receipt of certain benefits or if the child or parent have experienced care.

### **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: £25,000,000

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

Start date

19 August 2025

End date

18 August 2029

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: 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**

Early Learning & Childcare for Eligible 3-5 Year Olds

Lot No

2

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

- 85312110 - Child daycare services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

The local authority area of Dundee.

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

Early Learning & Childcare for eligible 3-5 year old children. Eligibility will be determined by the Local Authority but broadly children will become eligible on the first day of the school term after their third birthday.

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

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

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

##### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

The objectives, rules and criteria are set out in the Invitation to Tender (ITT) document and the Single Procurement Document attached to this contract notice.

### **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

## **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

### **III.2.1) Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

All ELC providers are required to demonstrate that they meet the national standard before they can access funding to deliver the funded hours, whether they are in the public, private or third sectors or are childminders.

The Invitation to Tender (ITT) document attached to this contract notice provides more detail about the requirements.

### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

The following Mandatory conditions must be met:

1. The Service Providers must be able to meet the National Standards criteria - Good or Above.
2. Service Providers must be registered with the Care Inspectorate as a Day Care of Children Service or a Childminding Service

The Invitation to Tender (ITT) document attached to this contract notice provides more detail of the contract conditions and requirements.

### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2024/S 000-038436](#)

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

Date

29 May 2025

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

29 May 2025

Local time



12:30pm

Place

Dundee

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Contracts Team

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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: As this Service is listed in Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations, the council will be using the afforded Flexibility of the Light touch Regime to reopen the framework at Interval throughout the length of the Framework to new providers.

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

Electronic payment will be used

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

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[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=793396](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=793396).

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help\\_guides.aspx](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx).

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include any community benefit requirements

in this contract for the following reason:

Although direct benefit to eligible children, their parents/carers and the ELC sector and workforce there is no community benefit for this procurement.

As the flexible framework it does not provide a guarantee of work, as providers may not uptake Funded ELC, therefore community benefits are not being made mandatory within the tender.

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Download the ESPD document here:

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD\\_Download.aspx?id=793396](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/ESPD/ESPD_Download.aspx?id=793396)

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

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

Dundee Sheriff Court

6 West Bell Street

Dundee

DD1 9AD

Country

United Kingdom