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Planning

## **Northern Ireland Councils Network Services Pre Market engagement**

Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council  
Antrim Newtownabbey Borough Council  
Ards and North Down Borough Council  
Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council  
Derry City and Strabane District Council  
Fermanagh and Omagh District Council  
Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council  
Mid and East Antrim Borough Council  
Mid Ulster District Council  
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

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

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

Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council

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Craigavon

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United Kingdom

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UKN0 - Northern Ireland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Antrim Newtownabbey Borough Council

Antrim

**Email**

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

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United Kingdom

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UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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<https://antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Bangor

**Email**

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

**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKN0 - Northern Ireland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

Coleraine

**Email**

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

**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKN0 - Northern Ireland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Derry City and Strabane District Council

Derry

**Email**

[tenders@derrystrabane.com](mailto:tenders@derrystrabane.com)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKN0 - Northern Ireland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.derrystrabane.com/>

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

Fermanagh

**Email**

[tenders@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:tenders@fermanaghomagh.com)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKN0 - Northern Ireland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/>

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

Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council

Lisburn

#### **Email**

[enquiries@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

Main address

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

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

Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

Ballymena

#### **Email**

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

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

Main address

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

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

Mid Ulster District Council

Dungannon

#### **Email**

[tenders@midulstercouncil.org](mailto:tenders@midulstercouncil.org)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

Main address

<https://www.midulstercouncil.org/>

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

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Newry

#### **Email**

[info@nmandd.org](mailto:info@nmandd.org)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKN0 - Northern Ireland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.newrymournedown.org/>

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

The contract involves joint procurement

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**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**

Northern Ireland Councils Network Services Pre Market engagement

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

- 32000000 - Radio, television, communication, telecommunication and related equipment

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

Supplies

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

The delivery of managed Network Services for Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council and nine partner councils. Managed Network Services, including Wide Area Network connectivity, and related services, including network management services, content filtering, firewalls and internet services. The services will make use of new fibre infrastructure delivered with grant funding support from the Department for Digital, Culture Media and Sport's LFFN and RGC funds. This PIN concerns the pre market engagement for this procurement.

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

Value excluding VAT: £7,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 32400000 - Networks
- 32410000 - Local area network
- 32420000 - Network equipment
- 32430000 - Wide area network

- 32500000 - Telecommunications equipment and supplies
- 32510000 - Wireless telecommunications system
- 32520000 - Telecommunications cable and equipment
- 32560000 - Fibre-optic materials
- 32570000 - Communications equipment
- 32580000 - Data equipment
- 45000000 - Construction work
- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 48200000 - Networking, Internet and intranet software package
- 50000000 - Repair and maintenance services
- 50330000 - Maintenance services of telecommunications equipment
- 51000000 - Installation services (except software)
- 51300000 - Installation services of communications equipment
- 64000000 - Postal and telecommunications services
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72700000 - Computer network services
- 72720000 - Wide area network services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council plans to procure Network Services on behalf of itself and the nine other Northern Ireland councils outside Belfast for a period of up to 10 years.

The services will make use of new fibre infrastructure delivered with grant funding support from the Department for Digital, Culture Media and Sport's LFFN and RGC funds through the Council's contract with Eir and through the Full Fibre Northern Ireland contract with Fibrus. Full Fibre Northern Ireland is a consortium of the ten Northern Ireland councils

outside Belfast.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The councils are. Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council. Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council. Ards and North Down Borough Council. Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council. Derry City and Strabane District Council. Fermanagh and Omagh District Council. Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council. Mid and East Antrim Borough Council. Mid Ulster District Council. Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. The current expectation is that an OpenProcedure will be used to procure the services. The Council intends that each council will have a separate contract with the Network Services Supplier, but that the contracts will be almost identical. The councils plan to work together in a user group to ensure that a consistent approach is used wherever appropriate. The councils require a range of Network Services, including: Wide Area Network connectivity services. Provider management, so that the Supplier manages carriers, equipment suppliers and services suppliers to create a cohesive service. Carrier services and leased lines, providing the underlying physical infrastructure. Networking and other equipment. Service Management functions, including the full scope of ITIL. Ancillary services, such as content filtering, firewalls, home and remote working solutions, security services, and other services. These may be third party services. The Network Services service supplier must initially use the infrastructure currently being built by Eir, Fibus and Openreach, and partly funded by DCMS (Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport).

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

30 August 2021

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### **Section IV. Procedure**

#### **IV.1) Description**

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

A more detailed information pack about the requirements is available on request by emailing [procurement@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk). A webinar to provide further details of the requirements is planned for 26th August 2021 subject to change for which details will follow on the eTendersNI portal