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Tender

## **18-25 Autism Support Service**

Thurrock Council

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

PS/2025/066

### **Description**

Thurrock Council seeks to commission an 18–25 Autism Support Service that enables young people with Autism to develop independent living skills, improve health and wellbeing, participate in their communities, and prepare for education or employment.

The Programme will support a small cohort of young people with Autism who require intensive, personalised assistance, delivered through a blend of structured learning, community-based activities, and family engagement.

The appointed Provider will deliver a high-quality, person-centred service aligned with national and local priorities, helping participants build their skills across four core outcome areas: Independent Living; Health and Wellbeing; Community Participation / Inclusion (Friends and Relationships); and Education, Employment and Vocational Opportunities.

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

- £8,086,400 excluding VAT
- £9,704,160 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

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

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2030
- Possible extension to 31 August 2032
- 6 years

Description of possible extension:

The Council may extend the contract for up to two additional years, exercised in one or more extension periods at the Council's discretion.

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 85300000 - Social work and related services
  - 85310000 - Social work services
  - 85320000 - Social services
  - 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services
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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

9 April 2026, 5:00pm

### **Tender submission deadline**

20 April 2026, 12:00pm

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

Tenders must be submitted through the In-Tend portal:

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/thurrockcouncil/asp/ProjectManage/1672>

### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

### **Languages that may be used for submission**

English

### **Award decision date (estimated)**

29 May 2026

### **Recurring procurement**

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 1 March 2032

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## Award criteria

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Price	Price	30%
Service Delivery Model	Quality	16%
Parent / Carer Engagement	Quality	16%
Staffing and Training	Quality	10%
Partnership Working	Quality	10%
Performance Monitoring and Outcomes	Quality	6%
Social Value	Quality	6%
Video Presentation	Quality	6%

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## Other information

### Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

### Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

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## Procedure

## Procedure type

Open procedure

## Special regime

Light touch

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## Contracting authority

### Thurrock Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMHW-1723-WDCD

New Road

Grays

RM17 6SL

United Kingdom

Email: [Procurement@thurrock.gov.uk](mailto:Procurement@thurrock.gov.uk)

Website: <http://www.thurrock.gov.uk>

Region: UKH32 - Thurrock

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government