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Contract

## Growth Hub 2025

Essex County Council

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## Scope

## Reference

PL0109

## Description

Growth Hubs are an established business support service provided, which provide free and impartial signposting, information, and advice to all businesses looking to succeed, helping them to navigate the national and local support landscape. It is Government grant funded annually by the Department for Business and Trade (DBT) and provides a one stop shop for business support services that offers:

- Information, navigation, and signposting via a coordinated, multi-channel service
- One-to-one structured support to small and medium enterprises, incorporating a diagnostic assessment of business needs and advice and guidance.

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## **Contract 1**

### **Supplier**

- Smarter Society Limited

### **Contract value**

- £173,600 excluding VAT
- £208,320 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

### **Date signed**

30 April 2025

### **Contract dates**

- 1 May 2025 to 31 March 2026
- 11 months

### **Main procurement category**

Services

## CPV classifications

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

## Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Below threshold - limited competition

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## Supplier

### Smarter Society Limited

27 Old Gloucester Street

London

WC1N 3AX

United Kingdom

Email: [hello@smartersociety.org](mailto:hello@smartersociety.org)

Region: UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Essex County Council**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWVM-4844-NRQH

County Hall, Market Road

Chelmsford

CM1 1QH

United Kingdom

Email: [ProcurementSandA@essex.gov.uk](mailto:ProcurementSandA@essex.gov.uk)

Region: UKH36 - Heart of Essex

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government