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## **NEET Engagement & Reduction Project**

Borough of Telford & Wrekin

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

TWC000904

### **Description**

You are invited to bid to deliver on the NEET Engagement & Reduction Project which is funded via the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). The Council is looking to receive applications to join a multi-supplier framework to carry out the required services. A maximum of two suppliers will be selected. Telford & Wrekin Council has received confirmation of further funding for a 12-month period from April 2025.

The Council is committed to supporting all our young people to have a great transition into learning and work and are looking for targeted support for our most 'at risk' or vulnerable young people.

In many cases we can identify those young people who are at risk of becoming NEET

before they leave education and work to address the barriers. Unfortunately, some young people leave school, education or training and become NEET. The claimant count in the borough for those aged 16-24 equates to 990 young people. We are seeking 2 providers to engage and support these young people, working with them to overcome barriers, and to progress them into education, training or employment.

Evidence has shown that early engagement impacts positively on their future and prevents them from becoming long term unemployed. We want to retain our young people and talent, so they have successful careers in the Borough

Data shows that as a Borough we have a lower than national average number of people achieving Level 2 qualifications. Further, businesses tell us that young people are not demonstrating the soft skills required for work and in some cases have unrealistic expectations of employment.

We believe:

- Every young person should have the opportunity to learn and fulfil their potential.
- Young people should be supported into adulthood through pathways that offer skills and personal development.
- Young people should feel valued in the economy, have a sense of belonging and be recognised for the contribution they make.
- Ensure our young people have a sense of citizenship and want to play an active role in their local communities and the economy.
- We are determined that every young person will succeed in Telford & Wrekin, and our role is to ensure it is one of the best places in the country for young people to grow, learn, develop and achieve.

The two providers will support young people identified as NEET (aged 16-24), working with them to overcome barriers and increasing their chances of progression. Each provider will be awarded a call off contract and be required to deliver across Telford & Wrekin.

It is intended that once a call off contract has been awarded, full delivery will commence within 14 days.

Entering into a Framework Agreement with a Provider shall not be deemed to imply that any Call-Off Contracts will be issued to that Provider. Admittance onto the Framework is no guarantee of any award of Call-Off Contract or services, or future ordering of any volume or value of services.

## **Commercial tool**

Establishes a framework

## **Total value (estimated)**

- £184,500 excluding VAT
- £221,400 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 30 June 2025 to 28 February 2026
- 8 months, 1 day

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

## **Contract locations**

- UKG21 - Telford and Wrekin
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## **Framework**

### **Maximum number of suppliers**

2

### **Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers**

0%

### **Framework operation description**

Following evaluation, a maximum of two suppliers will be selected to join the Framework.

Each Call-Off Contract will initially be for an 8-month period commencing June 2025 (or as soon after as practicably possible) with the contract to end on 28th February 2026.

All delivery will end on the 31st January 2026 with a further month permitted to complete final output and outcome collation and reporting. At this stage we are unaware of further funding for 2026 onwards. Any extension would depend upon continuation funding, performance and local priorities as decided by Telford & Wrekin Council.

### **Award method when using the framework**

Without competition

### **Contracting authorities that may use the framework**

Establishing party only

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## Participation

### This procurement is reserved for

- UK suppliers
- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSEs)

### Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## Submission

### Enquiry deadline

2 June 2025, 6:00pm

### Tender submission deadline

3 June 2025, 6:00pm

### Submission address and any special instructions

This opportunity is accessed through the Telford & Wrekin tender portal <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/telford.aspx/Tenders/Current>

The opportunity number is TWC000904. If you're not already registered on the In-Tend system you can register via this link <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/telford.aspx/Registration>

Please ensure that you allow yourself at least 2 hours when responding to this invite prior to the closing date and time, especially if you have to upload multiple documents. No other method of submission will be accepted.

If you have any technical difficulties or queries relating to the In-tend e-Sourcing solution please contact [support@in-tend.co.uk](mailto:support@in-tend.co.uk) or call 08438498404 for further assistance.

## **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

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## **Award criteria**

Tenders will be evaluated through a two-stage process:

Stage 1 - Quality 80%, Social Value 10%, Environmental 10%

Stage 2 - Presentations 100%

The Council will then combine the scores using the following criteria: Written Tender 65%, Presentation 35%

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Below threshold - open competition

### **Special regime**

Light touch

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Borough of Telford & Wrekin**

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government