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Tender

## **Tender for the Supply of Local Bus Services for September 2025**

Angus Council

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

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

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## **NUTS code**

UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

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Main address

<http://www.angus.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00236](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00236)

## **I.3) Communication**

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

<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

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Tender for the Supply of Local Bus Services for September 2025

Reference number

AC/25/008/INF

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

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

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

Services

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

Tenders are being sought for contracted local bus services in Angus. The tender will be divided into a number of lots. Operators may bid for as many of these routes as they wish.

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

Value excluding VAT: £450,000

#### **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**

25007 Forfar Town Service

Lot No

1

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

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

Angus

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

Provision of bus service linking Forfar residents to work, healthcare, shopping and leisure activities

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

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Management / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Maximisation of Passenger Benefit / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Working Practices / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 90

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

Start date

1 September 2025

End date

13 August 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Lot may be extended on an annual basis for up to a further 2 years

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

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

Only one lot will be awarded from 25007 - 25010

## **II.2) Description**

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

25008 Forfar Town Service

Lot No

2

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

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

Angus

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

Provision of bus service linking Forfar residents to work, healthcare, shopping and leisure activities

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

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Management / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Maximisation of Passenger Benefit / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Working Practices / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 90

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

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

Only one lot will be awarded from 25007 - 25010

## **II.2) Description**

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

25009 Forfar Town Service

Lot No

3

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

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

Angus

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

Provision of bus service linking Forfar residents to work, healthcare, shopping and leisure activities

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

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Management / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Maximisation of Passenger Benefit / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Working Practices / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 90

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

Start date

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### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

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

Only one lot will be awarded from 25007 - 25010

## **II.2) Description**



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

25010 Forfar Town Service

Lot No

4

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

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

Angus

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

Provision of bus service linking Forfar residents to work, healthcare, shopping and leisure activities

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

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Management / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Maximisation of Passenger Benefit / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Working Practices / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 90

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

Start date

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End date

13 August 2028

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Description of renewals

Lot may be extended on an annual basis for up to a further 2 years

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

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

Only one lot will be awarded from 25007 - 25010

## **II.2) Description**

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

25011 Forfar - Noranside - Forfar

Lot No

5

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

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

Angus

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

Provision of lifeline bus service linking rural areas to Forfar three days per week

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

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Management / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Maximisation of Passenger Benefit / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Working Practices / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 90

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

Start date

1 September 2025

End date

13 August 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Lot may be extended on an annual basis for up to a further 2 years

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

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

Only one lot will be awarded from 25011 - 25012

## **II.2) Description**

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

25012 Forfar - Noranside - Forfar

Lot No

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

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

Angus

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

Provision of lifeline bus service linking rural areas to Forfar three days per week

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

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Management / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Maximisation of Passenger Benefit / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Working Practices / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 90

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

Start date

1 September 2025

End date

13 August 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Lot may be extended on an annual basis for up to a further 2 years

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

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

Only one lot will be awarded from 25011 - 25012

## **II.2) Description**

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

25013 Kirriemuir - Cortachy - Dykehead - Kirriemuir

Lot No

7

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

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

Angus

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

Provision of lifeline bus service linking rural areas to Kirriemuir two days per week

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

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Management / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Maximisation of Passenger Benefit / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work Practices / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 90

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

Start date

1 September 2025

End date

13 August 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Lot may be extended on an annual basis for up to a further 2 years

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

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

Only one lot will be awarded from 25013 - 25014

## **II.2) Description**

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

25014 Kirriemuir - Cortachy - Dykehead - Kirriemuir

Lot No

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

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

Angus

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

Provision of lifeline bus service linking rural areas to Kirriemuir two days per week

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

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Management / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Maximisation of Passenger Benefit / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Working Practices / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 90

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

Start date

1 September 2025

End date

13 August 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals



Lot may be extended on an annual basis for up to a further 2 years

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

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

Only one lot will be awarded from 25013 - 25014

## **II.2) Description**

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

25015 DRT in Rural Areas West of A90 to Kirriemuir, Forfar and Brechin

Lot No

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

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM71 - Angus and Dundee City

Main site or place of performance

Angus

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

Demand responsive service to operate from the A90 westward and to/from Brechin, Forfar and Kirriemuir.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental Management / Weighting: 3

Quality criterion - Name: Maximisation of Passenger Benefit / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Working Practices / Weighting: 2

Price - Weighting: 90

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

Start date

1 September 2025

End date

13 August 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Lot may be extended on an annual basis for up to a further 2 years

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

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

25015 may be awarded in lieu of either 25011 OR 25012 AND 25013 OR 25014

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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

Part IV, A: Operators are required to have a PSV Operators Licence/Special Restricted Licence Number (PM Number) at the time of submitting their tender.

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Must meet Angus Council's Insurance Requirements

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

It is a requirement that bidders hold or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded contract the types of insurance detailed below:

Employers Liability Insurance to the extent of at least GBP10m per claim and unlimited in total.

Public Liability Insurance to the extent of at least GBP5m per claim and unlimited in total.

Motor Insurance - minimum indemnity limits: for the loss of life or personal injury unlimited; for damage to property GBP10m per claim and unlimited in total.

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Bus company bidders must declare that they have passed the financial standing test of the Traffic Commissioner and have a PSV Operator Licence/Special Restricted Licence.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Provide PSV Operator Licence/Special Restricted Licence Number.

### **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

Holders of PSV Operators Licence/Special Restricted Licence

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

See conditions of contract

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

16 June 2025

Local time

12:00pm

**IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

**IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

16 June 2025

Local time

12:00pm

Place

Angus House, Sylvie Way, Orchardbank Business Park, Forfar DD8 1AN

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Authorised officers of Angus Council

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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: January 2026

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

Electronic payment will be used

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

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The Contracting Authority does not intend to include a sub-contract clause in this contract.

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

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

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