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## **NHDC 202208-01A- Market Consultation for Tree Maintenance**

North Hertfordshire District Council

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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

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

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Main address

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Buyer's address

[www.supplyhertfordshire.uk](http://www.supplyhertfordshire.uk)

**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**

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

- 77211500 - Tree-maintenance services

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

Services

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

North Hertfordshire District Council manages and maintains over 20,000 trees located within the four main towns of Letchworth, Hitchin, Baldock, Royston and some in the surrounding villages. They are situated on the highways, on amenity land, in cemeteries, car parks and woodlands. The Council's Tree Maintenance Strategy aims to establish a tree population that has a wide age range and diverse species mix, conduct maintenance and conservation work of trees; and improve the safety of trees. Maintenance works may be routine, arise from customer enquiries, or from our independent tree surveys or emergencies. The Council has no in-house maintenance operation so the service must be contracted out to external suppliers.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 77211500 - Tree-maintenance services
- 77341000 - Tree pruning
- 77211400 - Tree-cutting services
- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77340000 - Tree pruning and hedge trimming

- 77211300 - Tree-clearing services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

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

North Herts Council (the 'Council'), before potentially conducting a formal procurement procedure, is seeking to conduct a market consultation with a view to preparing the procurement and informing potential economic operators of the Council's procurement plans and requirements for Tree Maintenance services. The Council wishes to seek advice from market participants which may be used in the planning and conduct of any future procurement procedure. The Council manages and maintains over 20,000 trees located within the four main towns of Letchworth, Hitchin, Baldock, Royston and some in the surrounding villages. They are situated on the highways, on amenity land, in cemeteries, car parks and woodlands. The Council's Tree Maintenance Strategy aims to establish a tree population that has a wide age range and diverse species mix, conduct maintenance and conservation work of trees; and improve the safety of trees. Maintenance works may be routine, arise from customer enquiries, or from our independent tree surveys or emergencies. The Council has no in-house maintenance operation so the service must be contracted out to external suppliers. The Council believes that this contract has the potential of delivering benefits under the Social Value Act 2012 and invites comments and suggestions on how this can be achieved. A Pre-Market Engagement Questionnaire is available and we would be grateful if suppliers contact Andrew Mills at [Andrew.mills@north-herts.gov.uk](mailto:Andrew.mills@north-herts.gov.uk) in the first instance. Please note that any suggestions received after 15th September 2022 will not be considered. For the avoidance of doubt, this Prior Information Notice is not part of any formal procurement process and in no way commits the Council to undertake said procurement process. Any advice from participants shall not have the effect of distorting the market or violating the principles of non-discrimination and transparency. Any participation or non-participation in this market consultation shall not have the effect of placing any supplier at any disadvantage. Any participation is at the economic operator's own expense and shall not be reimbursed by the Council. Further information may be obtained from the individual mentioned in this Prior information Notice.

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

3 October 2022

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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