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## **Flexible Framework for Services linked to Scottish Attainment Challenge (SAC) and Pupil Equity Fund (PEF)**

North Lanarkshire Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00010](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00010)

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

**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**

Flexible Framework for Services linked to Scottish Attainment Challenge (SAC) and Pupil Equity Fund (PEF)

Reference number

NLC-CPT-22-92

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

North Lanarkshire Council (NLC) intend to establish a Flexible Framework for services linked to Scottish Attainment Challenge and Pupil Equity Fund.

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Key objectives of Scottish Attainment Challenge is to provide opportunities for local authorities in addressing the poverty related attainment gap.

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The Pupil Equity funding is additional funding allocated directly to schools with objective to allow flexibility within a local context for schools to target interventions aimed at closing the poverty related attainment gap.

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It is envisaged that Service Providers appointed to this Flexible Framework will support these objectives. The resultant services will be made available to Primary, Secondary and Additional Support Needs schools within NLC.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

## **II.2) Description**

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

Activity Based Learning

Lot No

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

Within the North Lanarkshire Council area

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

This Lot is part of the overall framework for potential providers to support North Lanarkshire Councils objectives to close the poverty related attainment gap.

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To provide a service which engages and encourages pupils to learn and develop through participation in a range of learning activities and experiences which may include, but are not limited to, outdoor learning, sport and social activities aimed at closing the poverty related attainment gap.

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General Note to tenderers – you are be able to bid for one or more lots. There are no restrictions. Please ensure you complete each Lot specific tender response.

### **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**

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE EXCLUSION GROUNDS:

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## **II.2) Description**

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

Community Engagement

Lot No

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

- 800000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

Within North Lanarkshire Area

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

This Lot is part of the overall framework for potential providers to support North Lanarkshire Councils objectives to close the poverty related attainment gap.

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This Lot is to provide a service which focuses on engaging pupils, parents/carers and a wider community in learning through activities designed to close the poverty related attainment gap. The services(s) provided should complement the range of activities which the local Authority currently provides.

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## **II.2) Description**

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

Pupil Workshops

Lot No

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

- 800000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

Within North Lanarkshire area

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

This Lot is part of the overall framework for potential providers to support North Lanarkshire Councils objectives to close the poverty related attainment gap.

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This Lot is to provide to provide a service which engages pupils on a particular subject, activity or project through discussion, performance or participation in class(es) dedicated to the project or activity. This service may include, but is not limited to, mindfulness, yoga, confidence building, nutrition, diversity and health and wellbeing.

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## **II.2) Description**

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

Educational Leadership (all staff)

Lot No

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

Within North Lanarkshire area

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

This Lot is part of the overall framework for potential providers to support North Lanarkshire Councils objectives to close the poverty related attainment gap.

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This Lot is to provide a service which will develop leadership skills in teachers and support staff as part of the local Authority's commitment to career long professional

Learning.

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## **II.2) Description**

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

Leadership for Pupils

Lot No

7

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

- 800000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

Within North Lanarkshire area

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

This Lot is part of the overall framework for potential providers to support North Lanarkshire Councils objectives to close the poverty related attainment gap.

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This Lot is to provide a service which will develop leadership and team working skills in pupils of all ages and abilities across the local authority.

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## **II.2) Description**

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

Educational Assessments

Lot No

8

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

Within North Lanarkshire area

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

This Lot is part of the overall framework for potential providers to support North Lanarkshire Councils objectives to close the poverty related attainment gap.

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This Lot is to provide support and assessment materials primarily in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing. This service may include, but is not limited to, standardised diagnostic assessment and screening tools.

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

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situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Research and Improvement Consultancy

Lot No

9

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

Within the North Lanarkshire Council area

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

This Lot is part of the overall framework for potential providers to support North Lanarkshire Councils objectives to close the poverty related attainment gap.

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This Lot is to provide a service which will support the local authority in seeking to close the poverty related attainment gap. This service may include, but is not limited to, data analysis and research-based activities focused on data acquisition in relation to closing the poverty related attainment gap.

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

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## **II.2) Description**

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

Developing the Young Workforce

Lot No

10

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

Within the North Lanarkshire Council area

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

This Lot is part of the overall framework for potential providers to support North Lanarkshire Councils objectives to close the poverty related attainment gap.

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This lot is to provide a service which assist schools in developing skills for learning, life and work in children and young people in the broad general education, particularly for those young people with barriers to learning and at risk of disengaging from education early. The service may include but is not limited to work-related learning experiences, employer involvement, family involvement and also development opportunities for teachers.

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## **II.2) Description**

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

Counselling

Lot No

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

Within North Lanarkshire Council area

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

This Lot is part of the overall framework for potential providers to support North Lanarkshire Councils objectives to close the poverty related attainment gap.

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This Lot is to provide a counselling service that is universal. This will complement the range of whole-school and targeted approaches already available in schools to help support the mental, emotional, social and physical wellbeing of children and young people. This Lot focuses on the provision of formal counselling and follows the British Association for Counsellors and Psychotherapy (BACP) definition of counselling which is: 'a professional activity delivered by qualified practitioners in schools. Counsellors offer distressed children and young people an opportunity to talk about their difficulties, within a relationship of agreed confidentiality'.

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

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## **II.2) Description**

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

Mentoring & Support and Advice Services

Lot No

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Main site or place of performance

Within North Lanarkshire area

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

This Lot is part of the overall framework for potential providers to support North Lanarkshire Councils objectives to close the poverty related attainment gap.

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This Lot is to provide a service which focuses on the support and encouragement of pupils to manage their own learning in order that they may develop their learning skills, supports nurture and health and wellbeing activities, improves their academic performance and maximises their potential. This service may include, but is not limited to, additional support with academic studies, coaching, youth work and support and mentoring activities, group and/or one-to-one support with pupils and/or families, resilience coaching, mediation, speech and language therapy.



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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation**

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Selection Stage - Tenderers must respond to SPD Questions within the PCS-T Qualification Envelope;

The minimum requirement is to have or be able to obtain the necessary insurances as stated within 4B.5.1, 4B.5.2.

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Award Stage - Tenderers must complete the Lot specific price schedule, quality questionnaire, form of tender and submission certificate (for each specific lot they wish to be considered for;

### **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

As per each Lot Specification

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

It is expected that all tenderers tendering for lots dealing with children will ensure their proposed staff will be registered under the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) prior to commencement of any potential contract.

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

The procurement involves the establishment of a Flexible Framework agreement. The Flexible Framework is for a maximum of 4 years. The flexible approach will allow annual entry points to allow new applicants to join the Framework for academic years 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025/2026.

#### **IV.1.10) Identification of the national rules applicable to the procedure**

Information about national procedures is available at:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2015/446/part/2/chapter/3/crossheading/social-and-other-specific-services>

#### **IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure**

Tender Evaluation will be based on Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT) for each specific Lot. This is further described within the tender documents.

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

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2018/S 166-379239](#)

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

Date

24 October 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

TENDERERS BE AWARE: Police Scotland identified a number of business areas that have a high risk of infiltration by Serious and Organised Crime groups; this Framework belongs to one such area and as such the Council reserves the right to include enhanced probity checks prior to any contract award, including sharing tenderer information with Police Scotland. The tender pack includes a schedule for the Declaration of non-involvement in serious organised crime; this is a mandatory tender submission requirement for all tenderers.

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The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 22457. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

As stated within the ITT

(SC Ref:707987)

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

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

Scottish Courts

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

An economic operator that suffers, or risks suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2105/446) (as amended) may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or Court of Session.