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## **Voluntary Infrastructure Service**

Southend-on-Sea City Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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**Region code**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

[www.https://procontract.due-north.com](https://procontract.due-north.com)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com>

**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**

Voluntary Infrastructure Service

Reference number

DN641968

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

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

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

Services

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

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In the age of austerity, as funding tightens and demand for services rise, the statutory and public sector needs more than ever to work in collaboration with the voluntary sector who can save the public sector money when delivering services. To help this sector thrive and grow there is even more of a need for an infrastructure organisation to bring support, coordination and growth to this sector.

We are therefore looking to procure an infrastructure organisation for Southend that will deliver communities within the city that are resilient and thriving; a robust and thriving network of local voluntary and community organisations and support for people to volunteer and contribute back to the community.

We are also looking for an organisation that ensures that can deliver the other following outcomes:

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There is increased income into Southend's third sector (VCFSE) to support growth and sustainability; there is a strong network amongst the third sector members (VCFSE) in the

City with evidence of collaboration and asset sharing;

The third sector (VCFSE) receive quality communication about Council, and other key partner activities in Southend;

There are clear and diverse volunteering opportunities across the City that residents are matched to and if needed supported in;

The third sector (VCFSE) has good governance in place;

There is evidence that funding invested through the Community Investment Fund improves the capacity and resilience of the City.

We are committed to supporting the sector by providing the infrastructure provider with a five plus five year contract to bring about stability, there is also the commitment to work with the provider to attract more funding that may come available.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKH31 - Southend-on-Sea

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Start date

1 June 2023

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

There is an option to extend for 5 years or any part thereof.

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

Variants will be accepted: No

**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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **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

22 December 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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

Date

22 December 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

Royal Courts of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom