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Planning

## Bolton Heat Network & Advanced Zonal Program

Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council

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### Scope

### Reference

Q094

### Description

Bolton Council wish to appoint an investor / developer of heat networks to commercialise Bolton's heat network Advanced Zonal Program, including the town centre reference scheme from its current status through to a stage that will allow the investor / developer to commit to delivering the AZP and town centre projects. This procurement will appoint a development partner via a Development Agreement.

### Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 December 2025 to 1 December 2026

- 1 year, 1 day

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 65400000 - Other sources of energy supplies and distribution

## **Contract locations**

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

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## **Participation**

### **Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation**

A pass / fail will be implemented for our evaluations of each bidding team to assess a bidders financial capability to fund their development activities and to deliver the investment / development program for the circa £400m AZP scheme.

### **Technical ability conditions of participation**

A pass / fail will be implemented for our evaluation to assess each bidding teams capability to deliver the technical aspects of the scheme. This will be carried out by assessing the three case studies each bidder puts forward. Each case study will be marked out of 8 and bidders not obtaining at least 12 marks in total will be failed unless they can provide supporting information of why three case studies could not be submitted, for example, the consortium team is a new entrant into the UK market.

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## **Submission**

### **Publication date of tender notice (estimated)**

29 July 2025

### **Submission type**

Tenders

### **Tender submission deadline**

15 September 2025, 5:00pm

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

[www.the-chest.org.uk](http://www.the-chest.org.uk)

### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

### **Languages that may be used for submission**

English

## **Award decision date (estimated)**

1 December 2025

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## **Award criteria**

| <b>Name</b>                  | <b>Description</b> | <b>Type</b> | <b>Weighting</b> |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Technical                    | subject to review  | Quality     | 70%              |
| Social Value                 | subject to review  | Quality     | 20%              |
| Commercial<br>(Quantitative) | subject to review  | Quality     | 10%              |

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Competitive flexible procedure

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBJZ-9785-JTLD

Town Hall, Victoria Square

Bolton

BL1 1RU

United Kingdom

Email: [corporate.procurement@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:corporate.procurement@bolton.gov.uk)

Region: UKD36 - Greater Manchester North West

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government