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Planning

Early market engagement - Independent Alternative Provision

West Sussex County Council

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Scope

Reference

N/A

Description

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eager to collaborate on future opportunities, we would like to hear from you. You are welcome to join us online to discuss needs, share insights, and shape pathways that empower learners to thrive. 8th of July from 12 to 2pm 10th of July from 3 to 5pm Email AlternativeProvisionReports@westsussex.gov.uk with the information below for each contact you would like the team to send you an invite for. Your name: Your email: Your position: Does your service currently provide AP in West Sussex Yes/No Organisation: Website: Please share a link to your website if you have one PLEASE NOTE The contract duration stated in this notice is the maximum possible

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2026 to 28 February 2030
- Possible extension to 28 February 2034
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Engagement

Engagement deadline

10 July 2025

Engagement process description

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Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

15 September 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

West Sussex County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXJW-5627-QRQR

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Region: UKJ27 - West Sussex (South West)

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government