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Tender

Framework for Infrastructure Support Service for the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Sector

Stockton on Tees Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

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Description

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council is seeking to appoint a single, suitably experienced partner to deliver a Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector Infrastructure service. The aim of the Framework is to support a vibrant and growing local Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector across the Borough.

The successful organisation will act as a leading strategic partner in the Borough, working with other leaders across sectors in alignment with the Borough's priorities and strategies, including the 'Stockton-on-Tees Plan 2024', the Fairer Stockton-on-Tees Strategic Framework and Powering our Future missions (as detailed in the Stockton-on-Tees Plan).

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £1,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2029
- 4 years

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The contract value from the formation of the Framework is £200,000 per year. The overall estimated value of the Framework is £1,000,000 and allows for the flexing of services, where a change to the scope of services is seen to be necessary.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

Contract locations

- UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

1

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Further information about fees

Not applicable

Justification for framework term over 4 years

Not applicable

Framework operation description

This is intended to be a Framework that is awarded to a top ranked sole supplier.

A fixed price has been initially been set for each year of the Framework based on previous funding for the range of services included in the current service specification.

Services will be called off as a direct award from the commencement date of the Framework.

The scope of services will be reviewed during the lifetime of the Framework and may be flexed to take into account emerging developments in priorities that occur in the VCSE sector and the priorities of the Contracting Authority.

Award method when using the framework

Without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

As stated in tender information.

Technical ability conditions of participation

As stated in tender information

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

16 July 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

23 July 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

All submissions must be made via the OPEN Tender portal, hosted on the NEPO website at www.nepo.org (www.open.org)

This is an online tender process and responses must be submitted directly into the identified response fields. Attachments are allowed for some responses and this is identified on the relevant questions.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 August 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
5 x Quality Questions as described in tender information aiming to demonstrate technical ability to delivery	Service Delivery Plan = Quality 30% Service Resource Plan = 15% Ways of working = 20% Performance reporting and monitoring = 10% Infrastructure delivery = 25% Above Scores will then be further weighted to 90% of overall score Social Value commitment and delivery method statement = 10%		100%

Other information

Payment terms

Payment will be made via a monthly scheduled payment based on 1/12 of the contract annual value.

Description of risks to contract performance

The scope of the services required under this Framework could change during the lifetime of this Framework resulting in the need for a change in scope of existing services or the

need to introduce additional services into the Framework. This could result in a need to issue a contract change notice to vary the annual value of the Framework.

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Stockton on Tees Borough Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government