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## **The Executive Office (TEO) Communities in Transition (CIT): Raising Aspirations for Young People Programme (aged 4 – 16 years) in the West Belfast CIT Area**

The Executive Office (TEO)

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### **Scope**

### **Description**

The Executive Office (TEO) is seeking to establish a Contract for the provision of a programme that has the potential to improve educational, employment and life aspirations for young people (aged 4 - 16 years), as well as providing additional supports for families and communities who are raising young people within the West Belfast CIT Area; this relates to Lower Falls, Twinbrook, Colin, Upper Springfield, Turf Lodge and Ballymurphy (maps of the designated area are attached at Annex A of the Specification). This programme will focus on lack of aspiration for children and young people at both primary (age 4 - 11 years old) and post primary school level (age 12 - 16 years old), parents/carers/key influencers. In doing so, the programme will help to:

- Raise educational attainment of school age youth;
- Improve employment opportunities and life aspirations;
- Improve learning outcomes for young people;
- Build the capacity of parents, families and the wider community to support the young

people to make better life choices and achieve a better quality of life

This tender is linked to the Communities in Transition (CIT) Project which had been due to end in March 2024 however the Executive made a commitment to extend the overall Executive Programme on Paramilitarism and Organised Crime (EPPOC) to March 2027. As CIT is a key element of EPPOC, it has also been extended to 31 March 2027. This phase of delivery is classed as Phase 3 of CIT and will operate from 01 April 2025 - 31 March 2027. Phase 1 of the Project provided a firm foundation for continuing to address the issues that allow Paramilitarism, criminality and coercive control to persist within communities. Phase 2 presented an opportunity to further refine the work under a thematic approach as we move forward. Phase 3 will see delivery move from a thematic approach to an issues-based approach focusing on the key issues caused by paramilitarism in communities. This Contract falls under Phase 3 and will support the Department in its overall delivery of the CIT Project.

The Contractor's programme will incorporate and deliver a number of programme activities, described at paragraph 6.4 of the Specification. The Contractor must not be delivering general youth activities as part of this programme, activities must be clearly linked to addressing issues which have arisen as a result of living in a community with high levels of paramilitary activity, criminality and organised crime and, to the Benefits Framework (as listed at paragraph 6.5 of the Specification). Full details of all the requirements for this Contract are provided for within the Specification of Requirements Schedule.

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## **Contract 1. The Executive Office (TEO) Communities in Transition (CIT): Raising Aspirations for Young People Programme (aged 4 – 16 years) in the West Belfast CIT Area**

### **Supplier**

- [Extern Northern Ireland](#)

## **Contract value**

- £192,000 excluding VAT
- £230,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

## **Award decision date**

9 June 2025

## **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

27 June 2025

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 30 June 2025 to 31 March 2026
- Possible extension to 31 March 2027
- 1 year, 9 months, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

It is anticipated that the Contract will commence in June 2025 run until March 2026 with the option to extend for a further period of 12 months, up to 31 March 2027.

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

## **Contract locations**

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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## **Information about tenders**

- 2 tenders received
- 2 tenders assessed in the final stage:
  - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
  - 2 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 1 supplier unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Below threshold - open competition

### **Special regime**

Light touch

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## Supplier

### Extern Northern Ireland

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

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## Contracting authority

### The Executive Office (TEO)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWG-8426-YWXV

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland