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## **Early Learning, Childcare and Brokerage Services**

Dumfries and Galloway Council

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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Dumfries

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#### **Contact**

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#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM92 - Dumfries & Galloway

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00219](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00219)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

**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**

Early Learning, Childcare and Brokerage Services

Reference number

DGCP-0244

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

- 85312110 - Child daycare services

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

Services

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

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The Funding Follows the Child approach places choice in parents' and carers' hands enabling them to access their child's funded entitlement with a provider that best suits their needs.

All providers who apply and meet the expected standard, legislation and the Council's procedural requirements as set out in the Invitation to Tender and accept the rates and contract terms set out by the Council shall be accepted to deliver funded provision through the Flexible Framework enabling them to register children in 2025 to commence Brokerage placements from Q2 2025 and funded Early Learning and Childcare placements from August 2025.

This is the July 2025 re-opening of the framework.

If you have already been awarded a place on this framework, you do not need to re-apply.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

ELC - Private and Third Sector Settings (excluding Childminders)

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85312110 - Child daycare services
- 80110000 - Pre-school education services
- 80100000 - Primary education services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM92 - Dumfries & Galloway

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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**

Duration in months

84

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The framework was awarded in February 2023 for an initial five year period with an optional extension of a further two years.

### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

ELC - Childminders

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85312110 - Child daycare services
- 80100000 - Primary education services

- 80110000 - Pre-school education services

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

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### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 3- Childcare Brokerage

Lot No

3

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- 80100000 - Primary education services
- 80110000 - Pre-school education services

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

As detailed in tender pack suite of documents

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

As detailed in the tender pack suite of documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.1) Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

As detailed in the tender pack suite of documents

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

As detailed in the tender pack suite of documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 100

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

The framework will be awarded under the light touch regime

#### **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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-006054](#)

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

31 July 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

31 July 2025

Local time

12:00pm

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Tender will be opened by members of the Procurement team

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### **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: This framework re-opens annually and if you have already been awarded a place on the framework, you DO NOT need to re-apply.

#### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

#### **VI.3) Additional information**

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=802999](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=802999).

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the

Postbox facility. A user guide is available at  
[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help\\_guides.aspx](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx).

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:  
<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include any community benefit requirements in this contract for the following reason:

Because of the large number of providers anticipated to be awarded onto the framework, community benefits will not be realised.

(SC Ref:802999)

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

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

Dumfries Sheriff Court

Buccleuch Street

Dumfries

Country

United Kingdom