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Contract

NAC/5198 - Early Learning and Childcare Funded Providers

North Ayrshire Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-039476

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04eefb

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

North Ayrshire Council

Cunninghame House, Friars Croft

Irvine

KA12 8EE

Email

lynseybennett@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00337

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

NAC/5198 - Early Learning and Childcare Funded Providers

Reference number

NAC/5198

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312110 - Child daycare services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

North Ayrshire Council invites Providers to apply for this Flexible Framework Agreement to be eligible to deliver Early Learning and Childcare Funded Hours within North Ayrshire.

The current framework (NAC/5011) expires on 31st July 2025 and as such, NAC require a new Flexible Framework Agreement to commence from 1st August 2025. The proposed Framework will be for a period of 5 years, expiring 31st July 2030.

The terms and conditions of the Flexible Framework Agreement will be the Early Learning and Childcare Model Terms and Conditions.

All providers who apply and meet the minimum conditions of the Flexible Framework agreement (i.e. the National Standards & relevant legislation as noted in the attached documentation) and who accept the rates/framework terms and conditions shall be accepted to deliver funded provision through the Flexible Framework Agreement.

Providers can apply for the Flexible Framework Agreement at any time, however to be eligible to start Funded Placements by 1st August 2025 Providers must submit their application by 8th May 2025.

Applications received after 8th May 2025 will not be reviewed until August 2025 at the earliest.

Please review the attached documentation for further information. A Question & Answer

facility is available for Providers to submit enquiries related to the application process. All questions must be submitted before 1st May 2025 to ensure a response is received prior to the submission deadline.

NAC will be holding drop-in sessions to support Providers with their applications. Members of the Early Years and Corporate Procurement Teams will be available to answer any queries you may have in relation to your application. These sessions will be held at Marress House Early Years Centre, Friars Croft, Irvine, KA11 8EE on Wednesday 26th March 2025 and Wednesday 30th April 2025. Providers are invited to drop-in at any time between 2-8pm on these dates to discuss their applications.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £24,500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - Early Learning and Childcare Services (Including Private, Voluntary and Third Sector Settings)

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80110000 - Pre-school education services
- 85312110 - Child daycare services
- 85312100 - Daycare services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

Main site or place of performance

North Ayrshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1 of this Flexible Framework Agreement sets out the minimum standards required from Early Learning and Childcare (Nursery) Services (including Private, Voluntary and Third Sector settings).

To apply for this Lot Providers must:

- 1) Read and review all documentation attached to this notice;
- 2) Submit a completed Part A (Information and Requirements) Form; and
- 3) Provide all required evidence listed in Part B (Provider Evidence Requirements) for Lot 1

Where initial evidence submitted does not provide sufficient assurance, additional evidence may be sought by the Council. Potential additional evidence that may be sought is outlined in the attached documents.

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

Lot 2 - Childminding Services

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80110000 - Pre-school education services
- 85312110 - Child daycare services
- 85312100 - Daycare services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

Main site or place of performance

North Ayrshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 2 of this Flexible Framework Agreement sets out the minimum standards required from Childminding Services.

To apply for this Lot Providers must:

- 1) Read and review all documentation attached to this notice;
- 2) Submit a completed Part A (Information and Requirements) Form; and
- 3) Provide all required evidence listed in Part B (Provider Evidence Requirements) for Lot 2

Where initial evidence submitted does not provide sufficient assurance, additional evidence may be sought by the Council. Potential additional evidence that may be sought is outlined in the attached documents.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

IV.1.10) Identification of the national rules applicable to the procedure

Information about national procedures is available at:

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Government/Procurement>

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2025/S 000-010118](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Lot 1 - Early Learning and Childcare Services (Including Private, Voluntary and Third Sector Settings)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

10 July 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 16

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 16

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 16

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 16

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Bradshaw Early Years Centre

22, Bradshaw Street

Saltcoats

Ka21 5HR

Telephone

+44 7980994461

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Bright Beginnings Early Years Centre

93A Muir Drive

Irvine

KA12 0NR

Telephone

+44 7446836273

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Busy Bees Nursery

James Moffat Centre, 187 Glasgow Street

Ardrossan

KA22 8JY

Telephone

+44 1294470892

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Childcare Scotland Properties Limited

24 Kilwinning Road

Irvine

KA12 8RU

Telephone

+44 1294277950

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

COLLIN CARE TREETOPS

83 ANDERSON DR

IRVINE

KA12 9HY

Telephone

+44 1413471600

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

COLLIN CARE LTD TREETOPS TOO

AILSA RD

SALTCOATS

KA21 6LR

Telephone

+44 1413471600

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Douglas Park Nursery

Cathcart Road

Largs

KA30 8JB

Telephone

+44 7971523702

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

First Steps (Nursery Schools) Ltd

216 Bank Street, First Steps Nursery

IRVINE

KA12 0YD

Telephone

+44 7970684623

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Playtime Early Years (an SCIO)

22 Smith Street

Dalry

KA24 5BZ

Telephone

+44 7881883544

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Rainbow Cottage Nursery LTD T/A Rainbow Childcare

19 Howgate

Kilwinning

Ka13 6EN

Telephone

+44 1294557651

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Kids Village Ltd

26 Chapelwell Street

Saltcoats

KA21 5EA

Telephone

+44 7847875375

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Yellow Brick Road EYC

13 Glasgow Street

Kilbirnie

KA25 7AP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

West Kilbride Early Years Centre

West Kilbride Community Centre, Corse Street

West Kilbride

KA23 9AX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Whitehirst park private nursery

west doura Mains, Kilwinning

Ayrshire

KA13 6NQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

ZAAM Childcare (Irvine) Ltd

1 Montgomery Lane

Irvine

KA12 8PS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £24,500,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Lot 2 - Childminding Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

10 July 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 53

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 53

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 53

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 53

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Andrea's childcare Largs

24 Greetofalls Avenue

Largs

KA309HJ

Telephone

+44 7796645139

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Little bundles of joy

217 Livingstone Terrace

Irvine West Ward, North Ayrshire

KA12 9JU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Angela Bilham Childminding

6 Iona Court, Dreghorn

Dreghorn, Irvine

KA11 4JL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ann Montgomery Childminding

37 Dalry Road

Kilwinning

KA13 7HH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Beth Malcolm's Childminding

7 Melbourne Terrace, Saltcoats

Saltcoats

KA21 5BY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Charlene potts childminding

25 James Clements Close

Kilwinning

KA13 6PW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Daisydots Childminding

21 Fairways

Irvine

KA12 8TE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Deborah Johnston

Kerslandmill Cottages , Glengarnock

Beith

KA143BT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Debra Rintoul childminding

16 Alton Way, West Kilbride

North Ayrshire

KA239JJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Denise's Childcare

39 Noddleburn Place

Largs

KA30 8UE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Donna Smith Childminding

14 ailsa View

West Kilbride

KA23 9GA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Elizabeth-Ann Craig

5 Redheugh Court

Kilbirnie

KA25 7JN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Emma Blair's Childcare

1 Blyth Crescent , Mayfields

Saltcoats

KA21 6FR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Fiona Burns Childminding

27 Sunderland Court

Kilbirnie

ka25 6jn

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Fiona Robin childminding

21 Hawthorn Crescent

Beith

Ka151df

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Geraldine Barr Childminding

37 Tarbert Avenue

West Kilbride

KA23 9DL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Heather's Hungry Caterpillars

2A Tammy Dales Road

Kilwinning

KA13 7PB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Jacqueline McNally Childminding

46 Simson Avenue

WEST KILBRIDE

KA23 9DS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Jane Cairnie Childcare

10 Diddup Drive

Stevenston

KA20 4AF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Jenni gilluley childminding

7 Woodfarm Close

Kilwinning

KA13 6DQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Jenny's Childminding

1 hauplands way

west kilbride

KA23 9GB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Registered Childminding

10 Maxwell Green, Girdle Toll

Irvine

KA11 1BA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

K&A Childminding

41 Briery Court

Kilbirnie

KA256JD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

karens childminding

7 castle drive

kilbirnie

ka25 6at

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

KarenRonaldChildminding

12 ACACIA DRIVE

BEITH

ka15 1da

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Katey's Childminding Service

13 Beggs Terrace

Ardrossan

Ka22 7bp

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

cathies place

84 leven place , castlepark

irvine

ka129pe

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Kathleen's Childminding service

18 Sheil Place , Castlepark

Irvine

KA12 9NG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Laura Jayne Reid - Registered Childminder

23 Glasgow Street

Ardrossan

KA228EP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Leeann Mcneil childminding

43 Ash Drive, Ash Drive

Beith

KA15 2DF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

lesleys childminding services

1 Thorntree Avenue

Beith

KA15 2

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Linda Chisholm Childminding Service

220 Dickson Drive

Irvine

Ka12 9ez

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Logibears Childcare

17 St Margarets Road Ardrossan Ayrshire

Ardrossan

KA227ER

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Lynne Mustoo Childminding

12 Kirkton Avenue

West Kilbride

KA23 9DY

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Childminder

17 Pentland Place, Bourtreehill South

Bourtreehill South, Irvine

ka111js

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Childminder

148 Frew Terrace

Irvine

ka12 9eh

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Michelle Burns

43 Lomond Place

Irvine

KA12 9PF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Nicola Burns Childminder

8 James Clements Close

Kilwinning

KA136PW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Nikkis childminding services

15 tollhouse way , Girdle toll

Irvine

Ka11 1rb

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Happy Faces Childminding

13 Sillars Meadow

Irvine

KA12 0JZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Rosalyn Williamson Childminding

36 Donaldson Dr

Irvine

KA12 0QQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Rosemeadow childcare

66, Dundonald Road

Dreghorn

KA114AP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ruth Warwick Childminding

22 Bute Court

Dreghorn

KA114JN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Shelley Coleman Childminder

2 St Brendan's View

Saltcoats

KA216GZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Shirley Mess

38 Watson Terrace

Irvine

KA12 0HZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Shona Wilson Childminding

12 Linn Ave

Largs

KA30 9JT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Joy of Kids

22, Station Brae Gardens

Irvine

KA11 4FB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Victoria's childminding

21 rowallan, Kilwinning

Ka136nf

KA13 6NF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Wilma`s Childminding Service

81 Meadowfoot Road

West Kilbride

KA23 9BZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £24,500,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(SC Ref:804023)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Kilmarnock Sheriff Court

Sheriff Court House, St Marnock Street

Kilmarnock

KA1 1ED

Telephone

+44 1563550024

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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