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Award

## **Award of De Minimis Bus Contracts**

Leicestershire County Council

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

DN782811

### **Description**

Award of De Minimis Bus Contracts.

Award of a number of subsidy contracts. These contracts are exempt from the Procurement Act 2023 regulations as they are awarded on a De Minimis basis as provided for under the Transport Act and Service Subsidy Agreements (Tendering) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2004.

Local authorities or Passenger Transport Authorities/Executives with forecast expenditure on bus service subsidies in any one year of £600,000 or more will be able to spend up to 25% of this on de minimis contracts; within this 25% there is no limit on the expenditure in any year with any single operator.

**Contract 1. De Minimis subsidy for service 154 (M-F and Sun).  
Contract numbers 0632 - 0643 (Mon - Fri) and 0644-0646 (Sun)**

**Supplier**

- CENTREBUS LIMITED

**Contract value**

- £331,024 excluding VAT
- £397,228 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

**Earliest date the contract will be signed**

16 July 2025

**Contract dates (estimated)**

- 17 July 2025 to 16 March 2026
- 8 months

**Main procurement category**

Services

## **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Possible amendment/addition to route to ensure needs of service users are met.

## **CPV classifications**

- 60100000 - Road transport services

## **Contract locations**

- UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire
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## **Contract 2. De Minimis subsidy for service 93. Contract number 0624-0631**

### **Supplier**

- CENTRAL CONNECT TRANSPORT LIMITED

### **Contract value**

- £30,000 excluding VAT
- £36,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

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

16 July 2025

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 17 July 2025 to 31 March 2026
- 8 months, 15 days

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Amendment/addition to route to ensure needs of service users are met.

### **CPV classifications**

- 60100000 - Road transport services

### **Contract locations**

- UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire
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**Contract 3. De Minimis subsidy for service 2. Contract number 0648-0649.**

### **Supplier**

- Kinchbus Limited

## **Contract value**

- £31,185 excluding VAT
- £37,422 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

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

16 July 2025

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 17 July 2025 to 16 March 2026
- 8 months

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Addition/amendment to route to ensure service user needs are met.

## **CPV classifications**

- 60100000 - Road transport services

## **Contract locations**

- UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

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## **Other information**

### **Description of risks to contract performance**

Force majeure events, fuel shortages, staff shortages, service provider insolvency, legal, licencing and regulatory changes, strikes/union action, IT system failures, data breaches/hacking events, vandalism, disputes with sub-contractors.

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Direct award

### **Direct award justification**

- Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights
- Additional or repeat goods, services or works - extension or partial replacement

Whilst classed as a direct award, the award is exempt from the provisions of the

Procurement Act by way of the De Minimis provisions set out in the Service Subsidy Agreements (Tendering) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2004.

No other operator could viably provide the necessary service and connections due to Centrebus, Central Connect and Kinchbus being the sole providers of the registered commercial services.

Local authorities or Passenger Transport Authorities/Executives with forecast expenditure on bus service subsidies in any one year of £600,000 or more will be able to spend up to

25% of this on de minimis contracts; within this 25% there is no limit on the expenditure in any one year that may be incurred on an individual de minimis contract or the amount of de minimis contract expenditure in any year with any single operator.

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## Suppliers

### **CENTRAL CONNECT TRANSPORT LIMITED**

- Companies House: 09964786
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWXQ-9484-GMPT

29 Arboretum Street

Nottingham

NG1 4JA

United Kingdom

Email: [peter@transportmadesimple.co.uk](mailto:peter@transportmadesimple.co.uk)

Website: <https://transportmadesimple.co.uk/>

Region: UKF14 - Nottingham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## **CENTREBUS LIMITED**

- Companies House: 03872099
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMCQ-6846-ZRCY

43 Wenlock Way

Leicester

LE4 9HU

United Kingdom

Email: [chris.almond@centrebus.co.uk](mailto:chris.almond@centrebus.co.uk)

Website: <http://www.centrebus.info/>

Region: UKF21 - Leicester

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## **Kinchbus Limited**

Mansfield Road

Heanor

DE75 7BG

United Kingdom

Email: [talk@kinchbus.co.uk](mailto:talk@kinchbus.co.uk)

Region: UKF13 - South and West Derbyshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Leicestershire County Council**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNHT-9235-VXDV

County Hall

Leicester

LE3 8RA

United Kingdom

Email: [Commissioning.Support@leics.gov.uk](mailto:Commissioning.Support@leics.gov.uk)

Region: UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government