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Tender

Operation and Management of Stockport Market

Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

14239

Description

Stockport Council invites tenders from organisations interested in undertaking the operation and management of Stockport Market for the period 1st January 2026 - 31st December 2030 with an option to extend for a further two years, subject to performance.

A proven track record and experience of market management and operation is essential.

Stockport Market Place lies at the historic heart of the town and is of significant architectural and topographic interest. It is held in great affection by local residents, but it also recognised as one of the jewels of Greater Manchester. With Stockport Museum, Staircase House and The Produce Hall, the Market Place has a strong visitor offer.

Stockport Market, which comprises an outdoor market space and the iconic 'glass umbrella' Covered Market Hall, has traded in the same location since 1260. There have been significant improvements to the public realm and built environment around the

Market Place over the last 15 years, including the full restoration of the Covered Market Hall, enabled by Heritage Lottery Funding.

Like many other markets, the size and retail diversity of Stockport Market has been significantly reduced over the last 20 years as retail patterns have changed and competition has increased. And whilst its located a few minutes walk from the main shopping area the strong food and drink offer and independent retailers within the vicinity of the Market Hall has helped to create a stronger, diverse and attractive offer which encourages people to travel to the Market Place and to spend quality time there and in the town centre generally.

Stockport Council is seeking an operator for the Covered Market Hall and outdoor market area who can continue to create a thriving Market Place. Particular areas where the operator would be expected to make a real difference are:

- Transforming the profile and image of Stockport Market as a shopping and leisure destination,
- Improving the diversity of products available on Stockport Market to cater for a wider audience,
- Developing and enhancing the Saturday outdoor market offer,
- Improving the programme of specialist and event markets taking place in the outdoor market area,
- Maximising occupancy of the Covered Market Hall by market traders,
- Maximising the use of the Covered Market Hall and usage of the outdoor market area for events, activities and activation
- Improving footfall, utilisation and dwell time in the Covered Market Hall

Total value (estimated)

- £1,630,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2030
- Possible extension to 31 December 2032
- 7 years

Description of possible extension:

Option to extend up to a further 2 years, subject to performance

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 70332200 - Commercial property management services
- 79993100 - Facilities management services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Detailed within PSQ where applicable

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

8 August 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

22 August 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://procontract.due-north.com/>

(The Chest)

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

17 September 2025

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 1 April 2032

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality Method Statements (55%): 5 Questions in total Social Value (15%): Quantitative Response through Social Value Portal (SVP) and Quantitative Method Statement Response	Quality	70%
Price		Price	30%

Other information**Applicable trade agreements**

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZGW-7196-LCHL

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government