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Tender

The Development of a Technical Feasibility and investment model

ENTERPRISE CHESHIRE AND WARRINGTON

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Scope

Reference

WG2025

Description

ECW are looking to appoint a consultant(s) to work with ECW and partners across Cheshire to develop a feasibility study which will examine the strategic interventions within the Weaver-Gowy catchment for Nature Based Solutions (NbS) to deliver water availability and a range of co-benefits that can be brought from such nature-based solutions (e.g. carbon sequestration, water quality, biodiversity net gain), as well as the development of an investment model from a high-quality provider that delivers a service on behalf of ECW and partners.

The consultant(s) is expected to carry out consultation and engagement with key stakeholders including the abstractors themselves, Defra and other Government bodies,

NGOs, Local Authorities among others, where appropriate. This consultation will inform the production of the study, focusing primarily on water abstracting businesses, as well as informing the investment model recommendation(s). The consultant(s) will, secondarily, consider other potential investors into the fund/scheme this could include, for example, angel capital investment, private capital via insurance companies, business rates, and philanthropic donations. This will include where these investments could be combined.

This ITT sets out the information which is required in order to assess the suitability of bidders in terms of their technical knowledge and expertise, quality assurance processes, relationship management and value for money to meet the requirements of ECW for the Development of a Technical Feasibility and investment model for the strategic implementation of Nature-Based Solutions (NbS) within the Weaver Gowy Catchment.

Total value (estimated)

- £40,000 excluding VAT
- £48,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 12 August 2025 to 12 November 2025
- Possible extension to 12 February 2026
- 6 months, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

If there is a change in scope or additional time is required to complete the work.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

Contract locations

- UKD - North West (England)

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

17 July 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

5 August 2025, 9:00am

Submission address and any special instructions

The closing date and time for the receipt of submissions and all requested documentation relating to this stage is 09:00 hours (9am) on Tuesday 5th August 2025. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Submissions will only be accepted if they are returned via email to tenders@cheshireandwarrington.com. Bidders should not send their completed submissions to/copy in any other email address.

Tenderers are advised that it is compulsory to complete and return all of the following documents in the format provided as per the instructions of this ITT. All questions must be answered, where a question does not apply please state "Not applicable". Failure to complete the documents in full and/or provide all documentation will result in a non-compliant tender submission and will mean that your tender is not considered.

1. Form of Tender Declaration (Appendix 1)
2. Pricing Schedule (Appendix 2)
3. Supplier Technical Questions & Answer Sheet (Appendix 3)

<https://cheshireandwarrington.com/how-we-work/about/tenders-and-opportunities/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

11 August 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Approach and methodology	Please outline your approach for this commission, the methodology you will pursue and what steps you anticipate will be needed to identify the strategic interventions	Quality	25%
Vale for Money	Please describe your approach to project management, and how you will approach quality assurance for this project.	Cost	25%
Project team credentials	Please outline the qualifications, expertise and experience of the proposed consultant or project team	Quality	20%
Experience	Please describe your experience with similar adaptation and/ or water-related projects and policy, and your awareness of this specific focus of Cheshire and Warrington and wider North West region, and how this would inform your approach to this commission	Quality	15%
Approach to project management	Please describe your approach to project management, and how you will approach quality assurance for this project.	Quality	15%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

[ITT_Weaver_Gowy_Feasibility_Study_July.docx](#)

[ITT_Weaver_Gowy_Feasibility_Study_July.pdf](#)

[Weaver Gowy ITT query responses.xlsx](#)

Contracting authority

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