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Planning

Pre Market Engagement for the reprocurement of the current Public Bus Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS)

Surrey County Council

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Scope

Reference

RFX1000762

Description

Surrey County Council is committed to sourcing sustainable, safe, secure, and reliable local bus routes that are socially necessary, as defined by the Transport Acts 1985 and 2000.

Since the deregulation of bus services in 1986, the responsibility for providing local bus services has primarily rested with the commercial sector. However, bus operators typically offer only commercially viable services. When services are deemed socially necessary by a Local Authority (LA) and require funding support, it becomes the LA's obligation to secure such services through a tendering process.

Socially necessary bus routes funded by Surrey County Council serve communities across Surrey, providing essential services that enable residents to access employment,

education, essential shopping, reduce social isolation, and attend routine medical appointments.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2033
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60100000 - Road transport services

Contract locations

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Engagement

Engagement deadline

31 August 2025

Engagement process description

The current Public Bus Service DPS (Dynamic Purchasing System) is due to expire on 31st January 2026. Surrey County Council, in partnership with Brighton & Hove City Council, East Sussex County Council and West Sussex County Council, are planning to reprocure the service under the new Procurement Act 2023 (PA 2023). With this in mind, we would like to share with current and potential providers a slide deck with guidance around 'de-mystifying the bidding process'.

The purpose of sharing this information with the market is to:

- Highlight the importance of the new Central Digital Platform (Find A Tender Service).
- Outline requirements for compliant bid submission.
- Clarify what happens during the bidding process.
- Provide guidance on using the Proactis Supplier Network for bid submissions.
- Collect questions before tender publication.

Providers wishing to view the slide deck can access it via the Proactis portal

(<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>) under the project "Pre Market Engagement for the reprocurement of the current Public Bus Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS)" (RFX1000762) or alternatively, contact: melisa.suleyman@surreycc.gov.uk

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Participation

Particular suitability

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

Contracting authority

Surrey County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWRH-8974-TNBV

Woodhatch Place, 11 Cockshot Hill

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RH2 8EF

United Kingdom

Email: ProcurementPMO@eastsussex.gov.uk

Region: UKJ26 - East Surrey

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisations

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

West Sussex County Council

Summary of their role in this procurement: Supporting Surrey County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXJW-5627-QRQR

County Hall, West Street

Chichester

PO19 1RQ

United Kingdom

Email: BSDProcurement@westsussex.gov.uk

Region: UKJ27 - West Sussex (South West)

Brighton and Hove City Council

Summary of their role in this procurement: Supporting Surrey County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNNH-3312-CQGT

Hove Town Hall, Norton Road

Hove

BN3 3BQ

United Kingdom

Email: ProcurementPMO@eastsussex.gov.uk

Region: UKJ21 - Brighton and Hove

East Sussex County Council

Summary of their role in this procurement: Supporting Surrey County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXGX-2145-PRQJ

County Hall, St Anne's Crescent

Lewes

BN7 1UE

United Kingdom

Email: ProcurementPMO@eastsussex.gov.uk

Region: UKJ22 - East Sussex CC

Contact organisation

Contact Surrey County Council for any enquiries.