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Contract

Exempt Award of De Minimis Bus Subsidy Contracts 2025 2026

Leicestershire County Council

UK7: Contract details notice - Procurement Act 2023 - [view information about notice types](#)

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Scope

Reference

DN782811

Description

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

Date signed

25 July 2025

Contract dates

- 26 July 2025 to 16 March 2026
- 7 months, 22 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60100000 - Road transport services

Contract locations

- UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

Justification for not setting key performance indicators

Contract value below £5m.

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

Date signed

16 July 2025

Contract dates

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

Main procurement category

Services

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 Ltd

Contract value

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

Below the relevant threshold

Date signed

16 July 2025

Contract dates

- 17 July 2025 to 16 March 2026
- 8 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60100000 - Road transport services

Contract locations

- UKF2 - Leicestershire, Rutland and Northamptonshire

Other information**Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights

Award of a number of De Minimis transport subsidy contracts to support existing transport infrastructure in Leicestershire.

Awarded to transport providers who are already delivering services registered with the Transport Commissioner. Each service is registered to a single supplier therefore there is no open competition available.

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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

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

Region: UKF14 - Nottingham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 2. De Minimis subsidy for service 93. Contract number 0624-0631

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

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

Region: UKF21 - Leicester

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Kinchbus Ltd

Mansfield Road

Heanor

DE75 7BG

United Kingdom

Email: talk@kinchbus.co.uk

Region: UKF13 - South and West Derbyshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 3. De Minimis subsidy for service 2. Contract number 0648-0649.

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

Region: UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government