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# Innovation Accelerator for Social Care business challenges

Oxfordshire County Council

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## Scope

### Reference

I-4258

### Description

Innovate Oxfordshire (part of Oxfordshire County Council) is proud to announce the initiation of a competitive flexible procedure tender process, in alignment with our Local Government Accelerator — the first of its kind in the UK, with it's first Call to Action focused specifically on Adult Social Care. The Accelerator is designed to fast-track innovation within local government by supporting the development, testing, and scaling of transformative solutions that meet real-world challenges. By fostering collaboration between Local Authorities, Innovators, and Sector Experts, the Accelerator plays a critical role in improving outcomes for residents, reducing system pressures, and enabling smarter, more sustainable service delivery.

## Total value (estimated)

- £1,500,000 excluding VAT

- £1,800,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## Contract dates (estimated)

- 6 April 2026 to 5 April 2029

- Possible extension to 5 April 2030

- 4 years

## Main procurement category

Services

## CPV classifications

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

## Contract locations

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

# Engagement

## Engagement deadline

8 September 2025

## Engagement process description

The Council will publish all details pertaining to this opportunity through its e-tendering portal called Proactis which is hosted at the following address https://sebp.due-north.com/ The reference for this opportunity is DN775676. See Contact details for any enquiries related to this opportunity.

The Council has held a supplier webinar on 16th July 2025 at which suppliers who had expressed an interest were invited. Two follow up sessions at which suppliers could ask questions were arranged on 17th and 18th of July. Further sessions are planned in August 2025.

As previously indicated this will be a multi stage opportunity and suppliers initial submissions will be assessed against participating criteria issued with the ITT documentation.

Suppliers that were successful as part of this qualifying stage will be asked to participate in presentations and demonstrations which will also be evaluated.

A small cohort of suppliers who have successfully been evaluated at earlier stages will then be asked to trial the solution they have proposed in an operational environment. The Council may chose to limit the number of suppliers who are invited to trial. This will be dependant on the interest shown by suppliers to this initiative.

A final selection of the suppliers solutions will then be undertaken and contracts awarded to a supplier or suppliers that have met the success criteria for the operational trials.

Full details of each stage along with the evaluation criteria will be published to bidders that have been successful in each of the earlier stages.

# Participation

## Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

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# Submission

## Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

8 September 2025

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# Contracting authority

## Oxfordshire County Council

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