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Planning

Operator for Lewisham Library

London Borough of Lewisham

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Scope

Reference

DN786264

Description

Lewisham Council are looking to partner with an external provider to take on full responsibility for operations of the upgraded library building in the Town Centre: this will include full facilities management, workspace provision and cultural programming, alongside the franchise for the café space on the ground floor.

We are personally inviting you to hear more about our plans, so you can decide whether your organisation is interested in becoming this partner.

The evolution of Lewisham Library is part of our flagship £24m Lewisham Town Centre

Improvement Programme. It is one of three major public realm improvements alongside public realm improvements and construction of an all-weather marketplace canopy.

When completed, Lewisham library will be transformed into a Culture and Business Hub, including new workspaces for local businesses and a café space adjacent to Limes Grove. Construction on the building has now begun and completion is anticipated for September 2026.

Contract locations

Lewisham Library, 199-201 Lewisham High St, London SE13 6LG

Engagement:

15 August 2025 10:00 to 12:00pm

22 August 2025 10:00 to 12:00pm

How long the event will last: 2 hours

Location: Catford Broadway Theatre, Rushey Green, London SE6 4RU

Central Digital Platform - Bidders are required to register on the new Central Digital

Platform more information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-act-2023-short-guides/centraldigital->

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Total value (estimated)

- £5,841,270 excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 March 2026 to 1 March 2031
- Possible extension to 1 March 2036
- 10 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79900000 - Miscellaneous business and business-related services

Contract locations

- UKI44 - Lewisham and Southwark

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Engagement deadline

12 September 2025

Engagement process description

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Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

16 September 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Concession

Contracting authority

London Borough of Lewisham

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYXG-1482-BYWG

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Region: UKI44 - Lewisham and Southwark

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government