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Contract

Growth Hub 2025

Essex County Council

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Contract 1

Supplier

- Smarter Society Limited

Contract value

Before modification:

After modification:

- £25,000 excluding VAT
- £30,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract modification date

12 August 2025

Effective date of the modification

12 August 2025

Justifications for contract modification

- Additional goods, services or works

Reason that these justifications apply

Department of Business and Trade, as part of the Growth Hub contract, have provided an additional amount of funding to Growth Hubs with the request to support mutual/cooperative and high street businesses to align with their Backing Essex Business plan and their aspiration to support alternative and high street businesses.

The service provider will use the additional funding to target and provide support to the required alternative and high street businesses.

The change enacted was covered in the initial specification but as funding rules had not been confirmed at the point of tender it was an option to be exercised at a later date once the rules on funding were known.

Change enacted under permissible change permissible on the basis of section 8 (1) from PA23 regulations

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

Essex County Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government