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Planning

## Innovation Hub Operator

Lancashire County Council

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### Scope

### Reference

AP/CORP/LCC/25/011

### Description

Lancashire County Council is seeking to appoint a high-calibre operator capable of managing and activating the Samlesbury Innovation Hub as a best-in-class innovation and collaboration environment.

The successful operator will be expected to deliver a comprehensive package of services, support wider strategic ambitions around innovation-led growth, and assume an agreed degree of commercial and operational risk.

The operator will be a long-term strategic partner, not just a facilities manager.

## **Commercial tool**

Establishes a framework

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 March 2026 to 29 February 2036
- 10 years

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 79900000 - Miscellaneous business and business-related services

## **Contract locations**

- UKD4 - Lancashire

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

26 September 2025

### **Engagement process description**

Lancashire County Council is inviting interested organisations in the workspace, innovation hub, and facilities management sectors to engage with this preliminary market engagement exercise.

Interested organisations should:

- Visit: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/business/tenders-and-procurement/tenders/>
- Navigate to the market engagement project by clicking on the link for Innovation Hub Operator EOI.
- Review the Innovation Hub Operator EOI document(s) contained on the project page. This document provides more in-depth information regarding this preliminary market engagement exercise.
- Submit your expression of interest (EOI) via email to [contractscorporate@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:contractscorporate@lancashire.gov.uk) by no later than 26 September 2025 at 12 noon.

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Lancashire County Council**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBBJ-2179-TNXM

PO Box 100, County Hall

Preston

PR1 0LD

United Kingdom

Contact name: Andrew Patten

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Email: [contractscorporate@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:contractscorporate@lancashire.gov.uk)

Website: <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk>

Region: UKD45 - Mid Lancashire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

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## Other organisations

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

### **MAKE (NW) LIMITED**

Summary of their role in this procurement: Insert para here

- Companies House: 14413820
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCBN-8684-GHJX

33 Mount Pleasant

Chorley

PR6 8RZ

United Kingdom

Email: [p.hickey@make-nw.co.uk](mailto:p.hickey@make-nw.co.uk)

Website: <http://www.make-nw.co.uk>

Region: UKD47 - Chorley and West Lancashire

## **SOCIAL VALUE PORTAL LTD**

Summary of their role in this procurement: Evaluation and ongoing contract management support for the social value deliverables under the future contract.

- Companies House: 09197997
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQHH-4489-TLZM

Tintagel House

London

SE1 7TY

United Kingdom

Email: [sales@socialvalueportal.com](mailto:sales@socialvalueportal.com)

Region: UKI45 - Lambeth

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## **Contact organisation**

Contact Lancashire County Council for any enquiries.