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Planning

Fleetwood to Knott End Ferry Service

Wyre Borough Council

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Scope

Description

To provide an annual passenger ferry service between Fleetwood and Knott End with reduced hours in the Winter months. Operator is required to provide the ferry vessel, staff and be responsible for day to day operation. The anticipated vessel size would carry twelve passengers per journey with an estimate of 30,000 - 40,000 passengers per annum. The council own the ferry dock and slipway which will be used to facilitate the service. The operator will retain all fares including slipway launch fees and currently a contribution is provided by Wyre Borough Council and Lancashire County Council for the day to day running costs.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,800,000 excluding VAT
- £2,160,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 April 2026 to 2 April 2031
- Possible extension to 2 April 2036
- 10 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60610000 - Ferry transport services

Contract locations

- UKD - North West (England)

Engagement

Engagement deadline

3 October 2025

Engagement process description

We are inviting interested parties to engage with the council regarding this opportunity.

Individual meetings will be arranged via teams. All submissions of clarifications relating to this opportunity or to organise a meeting with council officers are to be made via procurement@wyre.gov.uk.

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

27 October 2025

Contracting authority

Wyre Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXVT-3374-BYXZ

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