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Planning

## Fostering

Cornwall Council

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## Scope

## Reference

D790196

## Description

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assessment, please complete the "Information Required" section at the end of this notice. You may also include any additional information you feel is relevant. Please return your response via the Due North / Supplying the South-West messaging system by Friday, 19th September 16:00

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £1,249,999 excluding VAT
- £1,500,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2026 to 28 March 2031
- 4 years, 11 months, 28 days

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

### **Contract locations**

- UKK3 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly
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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

19 September 2025

### **Engagement process description**

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## **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)**

28 November 2025

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## **Procedure**

### **Special regime**

Light touch

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Cornwall Council**

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government