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Tender

## **Bolton Heat Network & Advanced Zonal Program**

Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

Q094

### **Description**

Bolton Council wish to appoint an investor / developer of heat networks to commercialise Bolton's heat network Advanced Zonal Program, including the town centre reference scheme from its current status through to a stage that will allow the investor / developer to commit to delivering the AZP and town centre projects. This procurement will appoint a development partner via a Development Agreement.

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

- £57,500,000 excluding VAT
- £57,500,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

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

- 3 February 2026 to 2 February 2027
- 1 year

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 65400000 - Other sources of energy supplies and distribution

### **Contract locations**

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

24 October 2025, 4:00pm

### **Submission type**

Tenders

## **Tender submission deadline**

31 October 2025, 4:00pm

## **Submission address and any special instructions**

[www.the-chest.org.uk](http://www.the-chest.org.uk)

## **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

## **Languages that may be used for submission**

English

## **Award decision date (estimated)**

8 January 2026

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## **Award criteria**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Technical	Quality	70%
Social Value	Quality	20%
Commercial (Quantitative)	Quality	10%

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## Other information

### Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

### Competitive flexible procedure description

Invitation to Tender Stage

Clarification Stage

Award Stage

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## Documents

### Associated tender documents

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=d6ba61c4-1a8f-f011-813a-005056b64545&p=e0cc5631-4690-e511-80fb-000c29c9ba21>

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## Contracting authority

### **Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBJZ-9785-JTLD

Town Hall, Victoria Square

Bolton

BL1 1RU

United Kingdom

Email: [corporate.procurement@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:corporate.procurement@bolton.gov.uk)

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

Region: UKD36 - Greater Manchester North West

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government