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Tender

## **Provision of Internal Audit and Advisory Services (Cross Council Assurance Services)**

The London Borough of Barnet

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

950379686

### **Description**

The London Borough of Barnet wishes to commission the provision of Internal Audit and Advisory services by establishing a framework agreement under two lots. The Council is seeking multiple service providers (Suppliers) to establish two (2) multiple provider lots under a framework agreement on its behalf for an initial three (3) year period from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029 with the option to extend for a further five (5) years to 31 March 2034, subject to budget constraints and performance.

This framework is intended to operate as an open framework. At the end of the initial three-year period (March 2029), the Authority will conduct a review of supplier engagement through the framework. This review will consider both pricing and performance to determine whether the framework should be opened to extension and enable additional supplier entrants. The criteria and trigger for opening the framework will be developed in consultation with the Authority's Legal team and Procurement service.

This will be communicated to all qualified suppliers on the framework in advance of the review and will be subject to release of appropriate Find a Tender Service notice.

Full detail of this requirement including known risk are identified in the tender documents which can be access from <https://londonbarnet.delta-esourcing.com/>

The Framework is available to Public funded organisations:

local authorities <https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council>

Mayoral Combined Authorities Combined authorities | Local Government Association

Greater London Authority Group <https://www.london.gov.uk/>

London Fire & Emergency Planning Authority <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/>

Transport for London <https://tfl.gov.uk/>

Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime <https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac>

London Legacy Development Corporation  
<https://www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/legacy-corporation>

GLA Family London & Partners <https://www.londonandpartners.com/>

London TravelWatch <https://www.londontravelwatch.org.uk/>

London Pensions Fund Authority <https://www.lpfa.org.uk/>

London Waste & Recycling Board <https://relondon.gov.uk/about-us>

Museum of London <https://www.londonmuseum.org.uk/>

His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary & Fire & Rescue Services

Health Authorities Councils Boards, Trusts NHS England, NHS provider directory

Registered list of social housing List of registered providers - 16 May 2025 accessible version-GOV.UK

Tenant Management Organisations <https://nftmo.com/about-the-nftmo/membership-2024/>

Arm's Length Management Organisations <https://www.almos.org.uk/about-us/our->

[members/](#)

Higher Education Universities and higher education - GOV.UK

Charities <https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/>

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://londonbarnet.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Colindale:-Business-analysis-consultancy-services./F55Q57G779>

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## **Commercial tool**

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

## **Total value (estimated)**

- £100,000,000 excluding VAT
- £120,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

## **Lot constraints**

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

Suppliers must submit a bid for Lot 1 (Internal Audit) in order to be considered for Lot 2 (Advisory Services). Submissions for Lot 2 will only be evaluated if the Lot 1 section is fully completed and the supplier is deemed eligible (i.e., meets the quality threshold) for Lot 1. The Authority reserves the right to determine the number of suppliers appointed and may award up to three suppliers to Lot 1 and up to four suppliers to Lot 2, depending on the outcome of the Lot 1 tender process.

## **Not the same for all lots**

CPV classifications and contract dates are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

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## **Lot LOT 1. Internal Audit**

### **Description**

The London Borough of Barnet and a lead group of local authorities seek a high-quality internal audit service, aligned to the Global Internal Audit Standards, as a vital part of their corporate governance arrangements. Internal audit provides an independent and objective assessment that key risks are being effectively managed across the organisation, whether services are being delivered in-house, are outsourced or are delivered via alternative delivery models. Senior management and the respective Audit Committees are key stakeholders with whom the internal audit service liaise with in order to issue their assurance reports. All lead authorities see that the Internal Audit service has

a proactive role in respect of enabling the organisation to deliver change whilst being mindful of risk and having the right controls in place.

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £40,000,000 excluding VAT
- £48,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

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

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2034
- 8 years

Description of possible extension:

Contract commences 1 April 2026 for an initial 3 year term with the option to extend for a further 5 years

### **CPV classifications**

- 79212200 - Internal audit services

### **Same for all lots**

Contract locations are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

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## **Lot LOT 2. Advisory Services**

### **Description**

The successful tenderer(s) will provide appropriate resources to the authorities accessing Advisory Services (Cross Council Assurance services) as required for other advisory pieces of work. This could range from helping an authority develop efficiency plans to carrying out independent investigations (including anti-fraud) or supporting consultancy projects of strategic importance.

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £60,000,000 excluding VAT
- £72,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

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

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2034
- 8 years

Description of possible extension:

At the end of the initial three-year period (March 2029), the Authority will conduct a review of supplier engagement through the framework. This review will consider both pricing and performance to determine whether the framework should be opened to extension and enable additional supplier entrants

### **CPV classifications**

- 72221000 - Business analysis consultancy services
- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services
- 79212400 - Fraud audit services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services
- 79411000 - General management consultancy services
- 79412000 - Financial management consultancy services

### **Same for all lots**

Contract locations are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

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## **Framework**

### **Open framework scheme end date (estimated)**

31 March 2034

### **Maximum number of suppliers**

Unlimited

### **Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers**

2%

## **Further information about fees**

A levy of 1.5% is payable to the Lead Authority on the total value of revenue generated through the framework each quarter. The 1.5% levy supports the cost of managing the framework and may be reviewed at the Year 3 re-opening point (April 2028).

## **Framework operation description**

Please refer to Tender documents

## **Award method when using the framework**

Either with or without competition

## **Contracting authorities that may use the framework**

The Framework is available to Public funded organisations as identified in Procurement Description above in this notice and within the tender specification document

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## **Participation**

### **Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation**

#### **Lot LOT 1. Internal Audit**

Please refer to Tender Documents

### **Technical ability conditions of participation**



**Lot LOT 1. Internal Audit**

Please refer to Tender Documents

**Particular suitability**

**Lot LOT 1. Internal Audit**

**Lot LOT 2. Advisory Services**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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**Submission**

**Enquiry deadline**

2 October 2025, 12:00pm

**Tender submission deadline**

20 October 2025, 12:00pm

**Submission address and any special instructions**

<https://londonbarnet.delta-esourcing.com>

**Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

## Languages that may be used for submission

English

## Award decision date (estimated)

5 January 2026

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## Award criteria

### Lot LOT 1. Internal Audit

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality (Including 10% Social Value)	Refer to ITT	Quality	60%
Price	Refer to ITT	Price	40%

### Lot LOT 2. Advisory Services

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality (Including Social Value)	Refer to ITT	Quality	60%
Price	Refer to ITT	Price	40%

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## Other information

### Description of risks to contract performance

The Lead Authority recognise at the point of tender publication that known risks may arise during the lifetime of the open framework agreement. These are identified in accordance with Procurement Act 2023, Schedule 8, 5 Materialisation of Known Risk that could jeopardise the satisfactory performance of the contract but because of its nature could not be addressed at point of contract award. Identification of known risks in these tender documents is intended to provide transparency should possibility of modification be

required.

The known risks being:

- Change in legislation which has financial implications for contract delivery
- Supplier becoming an "Excluded Supplier"
- Supplier going insolvent/into administration, etc.
- Supplier no longer meeting PSQ criteria

### **Applicable trade agreements**

- Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Open procedure

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## **Contracting authority**

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government