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## Highway Verges & Visibility Cutting Services

Braintree District Council

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### Scope

### Reference

EPP0217

### Description

Essex County Council, through the Essex Procurement Partnership, is procuring Highway Verges & Visibility Cutting Services on behalf of Braintree District Council.

#### 1 Introduction

1.1 Braintree District Council ("the Council") maintains highway verges in its district on behalf of Essex County Council (ECC) who are the statutory Highways Authority.

#### 2 Background

2.1 A trial was completed in 2024 where highway verges in the district were not cut during Spring in order to access the proliferation of biodiversity.

2.2 The trial has ended, and the decision has been taken by ECC to revert back to two

cuts per annum, spring and autumn.

2.3 The Council now wish to procure a contract to deliver this service in accordance with this specification including ad hoc safety cuts.

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## **Contract 1. Highway Verges & Visibility Cutting Services**

### **Supplier**

- SKIPPERS GROUND MAINTENANCE LIMITED

### **Contract value**

- £532,157 excluding VAT
- £628,588 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Award decision date**

22 September 2025

### **Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers**

22 September 2025

## **Standstill period**

- End: 1 October 2025
- 8 working days

## **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

6 October 2025

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 6 October 2025 to 5 October 2027
- Possible extension to 5 October 2029
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

Options to extend for a further 2 years beyond the initial term in 1 year increments based on satisfactory performance & mutual agreement by both parties.

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The number of ad hoc cuts can vary depending on the requirement. 40 ad hoc cuts were evaluated, however the Contracting Authority may utilise up to 100 ad hoc cuts per year.

## CPV classifications

- 45233229 - Verge maintenance work
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

## Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex

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## Information about tenders

- 6 tenders received
- 6 tenders assessed in the final stage:
  - 6 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
  - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 5 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Open procedure

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## Supplier

### SKIPPERS GROUND MAINTENANCE LIMITED

- Companies House: 09728481
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHZZ-6999-MLCP

Glendale

Maldon

CM9 6RZ

United Kingdom

Email: [chris@skippersgm.co.uk](mailto:chris@skippersgm.co.uk)

Website: <http://www.skippersgm.co.uk>

Region: UKH36 - Heart of Essex

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## Contracting authority

## **Braintree District Council**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGBP-7262-MJTR

Causeway House

Braintree

CM7 9HB

United Kingdom

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

Region: UKH34 - Essex Haven Gateway

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

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## **Other organisation**

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

## **Essex County Council**

Summary of their role in this procurement: Procurement requirement

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWVM-4844-NRQH

County Hall, Market Road

Chelmsford

CM1 1QH

United Kingdom

Email: [ProcurementSandA@essex.gov.uk](mailto:ProcurementSandA@essex.gov.uk)

Region: UKH36 - Heart of Essex

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## Contact organisation

Contact Braintree District Council for any enquiries.