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Award

Community Schools Trust Cleaning Tender

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS TRUST

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Scope

Reference

CCL_105

Description

The Community Schools Trust is a highly successful multi-school trust, currently operating six secondary schools - five located in London and one Universal Technical College (UTC) in Norwich. The Trust supports some 5,750 students and is committed to delivering high standards of education and operational excellence. The Schools are supported by a team of approximately 730 teaching and support staff. The current cleaning services across the Trust's schools is delivered through a combination of models, several sites are managed by Birkin, one by Hackney Council and one is managed in-house.

The Trust is tendering its cleaning services with the aim to appoint a professional cleaning contractor with proven experience in first- and second-generation TUPE transfers. The selected contractor must either hold or have the ability to achieve Admitted Body Status for LGPS pensions.

The contract is scheduled to commence on 1st November 2025 for UTC Norfolk and 1st

April 2026 for the remaining five schools within the Trust. The contract initially spans three years with an option for both parties to extend the contract for a further two years, (3+1+1) beyond this date by mutual agreement. Any contract extension will be subject to the Trust's satisfaction and agreement on budgets and service levels.

The estimated turnover for the entire five-year duration is approximately £7.5 million.

The contract is focused on consistently high levels of cleaning service and pro-active management. Regular termly and annual reviews throughout the contract duration are mandatory, and a break clause should be included to support both parties in case the relationship does not thrive. The Trust expects the successful contractor to deliver an excellent level of service, as well as high standards of support and a strong working relationship throughout the year.

The procurement process follows a two stage 'Competitive Flexible' approach, beginning with a Procurement Specific Questionnaire (PSQ) stage followed by an Invitation to Tender (ITT) stage after shortlisting. This process is managed under the Light Touch Regime, and the Trust reserves the right to refine the award criteria throughout.

Contract 1. Community Schools Trust Cleaning Tender

Supplier

- [Birkin Cleaning Services Limited](#)

Contract value

- £3,617,127 excluding VAT
- £4,340,552 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

25 September 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

25 September 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

8 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 November 2025 to 31 October 2028
- Possible extension to 31 October 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

An additional two years of contract tenure are possible subject to satisfactory performance and client approval.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 90919300 - School cleaning services

Information about tenders

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

Submission

Submission type

Requests to participate

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Supplier

Birkin Cleaning Services Limited

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United Kingdom

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Region: UKH32 - Thurrock

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Community Schools Trust Cleaning Tender

Contracting authority

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS TRUST

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government