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Homeless Services

Cheshire West and Chester Council

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Scope

Description

To direct award a Homeless Support contract to Birkenhead Forum Housing Association Limited (Forum) for a period of three years plus a one-year extension.

Start Date: 1 April 2026

End date: 31 March 2029. Plus, a one-year extension.

Contract 1

Supplier

- BIRKENHEAD FORUM HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

Contract value

- £13,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

28 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

up to one year extension should that be required

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 70333000 - Housing services

Contract locations

- UKD6 - Cheshire

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Extreme and unavoidable urgency

The current service provider has indicated their intention to unilaterally end the current arrangement by 31 March. Failure to agree a planned withdrawal of services will put those services at significant risk. The urgency of the situation is unavoidable, nor is it of the Council's making.

The services to be procured are statutory and could not be competitively procured and mobilised in the period available.

Supplier

BIRKENHEAD FORUM HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

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Region: UKD74 - Wirral

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

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Contracting authority

Cheshire West and Chester Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCJB-2814-BHZIP

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government