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Planning

Fostering

Cornwall Council

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Second release of Market Engagement to allow for further submissions.

Open 26/09/25 12:00

Close 24/10/25 12:00

Scope

Reference

D790196

Description

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PLEASE NOTE IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED A RESPONSE THERE IS NO NEED TO RESUBMIT

Total value (estimated)

- £1,249,999 excluding VAT
- £1,500,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 28 March 2031
- 4 years, 11 months, 28 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

Contract locations

- UKK3 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

Engagement

Engagement deadline

24 October 2025

Engagement process description

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Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

28 November 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Cornwall Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government