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Planning

School Meals Catering Service

London Borough of Merton

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Scope

Reference

DN792355

Description

The London Borough of Merton (“the Council”) is seeking to undertake a procurement exercise for the provision of catering services for pupils and staff within our primary, special and secondary schools from September 2026.

The Council currently provides school catering services for 35 out of 43 primary schools, 3 special schools and 2 secondary schools within the Borough – these are commissioned through central contracts – one for primary and special schools and one for secondary schools.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 August 2026 to 2 August 2029
- Possible extension to 2 August 2031
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55524000 - School catering services

Engagement

Engagement deadline

17 October 2025

Engagement process description

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The Council would like to discuss the provision of School Meals Catering Services. A soft market testing questionnaire can be accessed via the London Tenders portal (ref: DN792355). There are a set of questions at the end of the document for which we are seeking responses from providers such as yourselves.

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

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