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Planning

Development & Funding Partner - Trafford Civic Quarter Heat Network & Zoning Opportunity

Trafford Council

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Scope

Reference

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Description

Trafford Council is one of the leading authorities participating in the Government's Advanced Zoning Programme (AZP). Under the AZP, Trafford Council is seeking to procure a Development Agreement with a partner to fully design and ultimately invest, build, operate and manage the Trafford Civic Quarter Heat Network (a Green Heat Network Fund supported scheme) and wider North Trafford heat zone opportunity.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,330,017,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 65400000 - Other sources of energy supplies and distribution

Contract locations

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Engagement

Engagement deadline

27 October 2025

Engagement process description

As one of the leading authorities participating in the Government's Advanced Zoning

Programme, Trafford Council is pleased to present our opportunity for a Green Heat Network Fund supported scheme, with potential to become a zonal-scale heat network.

This webinar will provide details regarding the procurement of a Development Partner for the Trafford Civic Quarter Heat Network and wider North Trafford heat zone opportunity. Under the Advanced Zoning Programme, Trafford Council is seeking to procure a Development Agreement with a partner to fully design and ultimately invest, build, operate and manage the heat network. Invitation to tender documents for the procurement are planned be issued by November 2025.

The North Trafford Heat Zone represents an opportunity of up to 500GWh/year heat demand. As well as the Trafford Civic Quarter, with its award-winning area action plan, the zone covers the exciting development at Trafford Wharfside, the Old Trafford Regeneration project and Trafford Park, the source of almost half of the carbon emissions from across Trafford and a priority for Council decarbonisation efforts.

This online event has been organised for Monday 13th October 2 - 3pm. Senior officers from Trafford Council and advisors will present an outline of the Civic Quarter scheme and the exciting opportunity from the wider zone.

Event link:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/6c48682e-8b7e-4452-98b2-a6cfe693c36e@9762f411-438d-440c-8357-896b35ae8707>

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

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