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Tender

Our Ordinary is Extraordinary: Murals, markers and stories that matter

Tees Valley Combined Authority

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Scope

Reference

TVCA-PROC-0471

Description

Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA) seeks to appoint a consultant to work with TVCA on the development, planning and delivery of the 'Our Ordinary is Extraordinary: Murals, markers and stories that matter' project, which seeks to uncover and celebrate hidden stories of 'ordinary' people who have made an extraordinary impact on their community. Through a series of public art commissions in each borough of Tees Valley, inspired by and developed through engagement with the local community, the works will be thematically and visually linked, and form a cohesive trail that connects the boroughs, celebrates local heritage, and enhances visitor appeal ("the Project"). The Project aims to foster community pride, preserve local stories, and create engaging public spaces. This project is a forerunner to the launch and implementation of the Tees Valley Heritage Strategy and is intended to both inform and align with the emerging strategic vision.

The Project will be delivered in two phases, each of which are detailed below:

Phase One - Development & Planning

This phase is a consultancy-led development exercise resulting in a detailed delivery plan for Phase Two, that will:

- Define the overall scope and vision of the project
- Design a programme of meaningful community engagement and identify key groups and partners for delivery
- Outline a commissioning framework for the public artworks that reflects both the project's artistic ambitions and its community and heritage objectives.

The Consultant(s) will be expected to work closely with local authority Culture and Planning teams, as well as cultural, heritage and community stakeholders, to ensure the artistic vision is rooted in place, LA priorities & plans, resonates with local identity, and supports high-quality, inclusive creative outcomes.

Phase Two: Delivery (Subject to Funding Approval)

Phase Two will involve the delivery of the full project, including community engagement activities, artist commissions, production and installation of the public artworks and promotion of the pieces as a regional trail.

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Total value (estimated)

- £410,000 excluding VAT

- £492,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 5 January 2026 to 31 March 2026
- Possible extension to 30 September 2027
- 1 year, 8 months, 27 days

Description of possible extension:

Phase Two of the project is dependent on funding. Expected to be 18 months from receipt of additional funding.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

Contract locations

- UKC1 - Tees Valley and Durham
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Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Please see tender documents for full detail.

Technical ability conditions of participation

Please see tender documents for full detail.

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

24 October 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

3 November 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

27 November 2025

Award criteria

| Name | Description | Type | Weighting |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Criterion 1 | Quality | Quality | 70% |
| Criterion 3 | Price | Price | 20% |
| Criterion 2 | Social Value | Quality | 10% |

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Tees Valley Combined Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDNG-8971-ZVCR

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government