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Planning

Strategic Partner - Target Operating Model for Digitisation

Stoke on Trent City Council

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Scope

Reference

CDO/2025/268

Description

This procurement will follow a two-stage process under a below-threshold open competition. Stage 1 will involve the use of a Procurement Specific Questionnaire (PSQ) to assess supplier suitability. Shortlisted suppliers will then be invited to submit a full tender response in Stage 2.

Engagement of a strategic partner to co-develop and implement a comprehensive Target Operating Model (TOM) for business support and administrative functions across the organisation. The initiative will focus on streamlining internal operations, reducing manual processing, and modernising service delivery through ethical and effective use of automation.

The partner would be engaged in 2 phases; to review and identify the opportunities and then to support the deployment of relevant technology into the organisation.

The outcome expected in the first phase would be a target operating model identifying where AI and digital could automate processes or services.

Total value (estimated)

- £100,000 excluding VAT
- £125,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 November 2025 to 1 May 2026
- 6 months, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72220000 - Systems and technical consultancy services
- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services

Contract locations

- UKG23 - Stoke-on-Trent
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Participation

This procurement is reserved for

- UK suppliers
- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSEs)

Conditions of participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Capacity conditions are included within the tender questionnaire

Technical ability conditions of participation

Equivalent qualifications and standards are included within the tender questionnaire

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

7 October 2025

Tender submission deadline

17 October 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

For full access to documents got to: <https://procontract.due-north.com/Procurer/Advert/View?advertId=e88c0235-74a0-f011-813a-005056b64545&fromAdvertEvent=True>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Contracting authority

Stoke on Trent City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDQZ-1442-RZTZ

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government