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Tender

## **School Catering Services for East Sussex County Council**

East Sussex County Council

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### **Scope**

### **Description**

East Sussex County Council Council is seeking to appoint a qualified and suitable service provider for the provision of school meal services to educational establishments in the East Sussex area.

The current contract expires on 31st July 2026.

The County Council is legally required to provide access to a free school meal service for maintained schools (including provision of Key Stage 1 meals currently funded through Universal Infant Free School Meal funding from the DfE); therefore, arrangements will need to be made to continue to provide this service from 1st August 2026. The contracts are worth approximately £10.4 million per annum and currently used by 138 schools, serving approximately 15,000 meals per day.

The objectives of this procurement are to put in place a high quality, value for money service provision whilst also gaining commitment from the provider to undertake continuous improvement and offer environmental and social value initiatives, to further enhance the service.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £72,800,000 excluding VAT
- £87,360,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2031
- Possible extension to 31 July 2033
- 7 years

Description of possible extension:

Optional extension period of 1+1 years from 01.08.2031-31.07.2033.

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 55524000 - School catering services

### **Contract locations**

- UKJ22 - East Sussex CC
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## Submission

### Tender submission deadline

17 November 2025, 12:00pm

### Submission address and any special instructions

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com>

### Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

### Languages that may be used for submission

English

### Award decision date (estimated)

23 March 2026

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## Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality	Including Social Value	Quality	60%
Price	Including Social Value	Price	40%

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## Other information

### Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Open procedure

### Special regime

Light touch

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## Contracting authority

### East Sussex County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXGX-2145-PRQJ

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Email: [ProcurementPMO@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:ProcurementPMO@eastsussex.gov.uk)

Region: UKJ22 - East Sussex CC

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government