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Planning

Supply of Preston Park Museum Sweets

Stockton on Tees Borough Council

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Scope

Description

Market Engagement: Supply of Preston Park Museum Sweets

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council are seeking suppliers for the provision of Supply of Preston Park Museum Sweets.

The proposed bidding process will take place in Winter 2025, but these timescales may change subject to Council discretion.

Background

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council are seeking a supplier to supply the Victorian Street Sweet Shop at Preston Park with a range of confectionary (mainly sweets). The Victorian Street at Preston Park Museum in Stockton-on-Tees offers a charming and immersive glimpse into life in the late 19th century. Visitors can stroll through a meticulously recreated street featuring a variety of authentic shops and trades, including an ironmongers, printers, grocers, sweet shop, drapers, chemist, police station, and blacksmiths. Each shop is brought to life by dedicated volunteers, many dressed in period costume, who demonstrate traditional skills and engage with guests. Highlights include the sweet shop, where visitors can purchase classic treats like bonbons and pear drops

weighed out the old-fashioned way, and the grocer's shop, which showcases produce grown in the museum's Victorian walled garden. Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council currently buy the sweets from a range of suppliers. The aim of this process is to streamline the spend and consolidate one supplier. The council has a pricing schedule of core items that are purchased on an ad-hoc basis across the year. Specific brands are named in the pricing schedule which the Council would like to keep in place for these items.

The types of confectionary that are ordered are classified below:

- BON BONS
- TRADITIONAL
- LIQUORICE
- SOFT & FIZZY SWEETS
- CHOCOLATE
- TOFFEE/FUDGE
- LOLLIES
- SEASONAL (Easter/Halloween/Christmas)

Brands

Specific brands are named in the pricing schedule which the Council would like to keep in place for these items.

- Barratt
- Bonds
- Candy Paradise
- Candy Pops
- Damla
- Dobsons
- Fry's

- Glisten
- Hannah's
- Haribo
- Kinnerton
- Kingsway
- Maxilin
- Nonsuch
- Royale
- Shoebury
- Stockley's
- Sweet Dreams
- Sweetzone
- Taverners
- Verquin
- Vidal

Procurement Portal Access

www.open-uk.org

Please register on the OPEN procurement portal to access the tender documents when they are launched.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2029

- Possible extension to 31 December 2031
- 6 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 15842300 - Confectionery

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)

Engagement

Engagement deadline

24 October 2025

Engagement process description

Please register to the OPEN procurement portal (www.open-uk.org) and expect the tender to be launched in November. If you have any queries during this time, please contact CorporateProcurement@stockton.gov.uk.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Contracting authority

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