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Tender

Strategic Partner - Target Operating Model for Digitisation

Stoke on Trent City Council

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

This notice replaces a previous opportunity (Notice ID: 2025/S 000-062329, reference CDO/2025/268), which has been withdrawn to ensure compliance with the Procurement Act 2023. The requirement for Cyber Essentials Plus certification has been clarified within the Invitation To Tender (ITT). As this is a selection-only stage with no pricing or scored responses required, a shortened submission period has been applied. No other material changes have been made to the procurement documents.

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)

- £104,166.67 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

Participation

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

Enquiry deadline

23 October 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

24 October 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

For full access to tender documents go to <https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=e88c0235-74a0-f011-813a-005056b64545&p=08c1102f-61ba-e711-80e6-005056b64545>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

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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.

The contract will be awarded to the Most Advantageous Tender (MAT), evaluated against

the following criteria:

Technical and change management expertise

Value for money and return on investment

Commitment to capability building and co-delivery

Full details of the evaluation methodology and scoring will be provided in the Stage 2 Invitation to Tender (ITT) documents.

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