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OFFSENS Biodiversity Valuation - FCP: Target and cost-based biodiversity valuation and feasibility

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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Scope

Description

Defra's Environmental Land Management (ELM) schemes are a key delivery mechanism for England's biodiversity targets set via the Environment Act 2021. These include halting the decline in species abundance by 2030 before increasing species abundance 10% by 2042 and restoring or creating over 500,000 hectares of wildlife-rich habitat.

Monetary valuation of the biodiversity impacts of the ELM scheme is needed for conducting value-for-money assessments and informing budgetary decisions. However, existing methods for valuing biodiversity benefits face challenges. These include:

the challenge of the complexity and multidimensional nature, functions and value of biodiversity,

limited alignment with biodiversity policy objectives, which can result in valuations that do not reflect progress toward statutory targets

being difficult to apply at the level of individual actions, particularly where aggregation effects complicate interpretation

Contract 1. OFFSENS Biodiversity Valuation

Supplier

- [University of Exeter](#)

Contract value

- £102,499 excluding VAT
- £122,998.90 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

31 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 November 2025 to 31 March 2026
- 5 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 90700000 - Environmental services
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Participation

Particular suitability

Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - without competition

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

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Contracting authority

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