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Planning

Connect to Work

Hartlepool Borough Council

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Scope

Description

Hartlepool Borough Council, in collaboration with the other four Tees Valley Local Authorities and the Tees Valley Combined Authority, invites you to a Pre-Market Engagement Session to explore upcoming opportunities within the Tees Valley Connect to Work Programme. This event will bring together key partners, stakeholders, and interested organisations to provide an overview of the programme and outline the proposed commissioning approach. It's a valuable opportunity to engage early and help shape the future delivery of employment support across Tees Valley.

About the Programme:

Connect to Work is a voluntary local supported employment programme launched by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and funded by the UK Government. It is designed to support

Disabled People or

People with Health Conditions, and

Individuals with Complex Barriers to move into and maintain Employment

It will also provide support to those in work but at risk of losing their employment, helping them to retain their jobs. The programme will offer tailored support to help eligible participants find and sustain meaningful employment.

What to Expect at the Event:

Attendees will gain insight into:

The programme's aims and objectives

Proposed delivery models

Our proposed commissioning approach

A full agenda will be shared in advance of the Pre-Market Engagement Session.

Who Should Attend

We welcome attendance from any organisation interested in delivering employment support services in Tees Valley. This session is a chance to contribute to the design and development of the Connect to Work Programme.

Please Note: Attendance is limited to two representatives per org

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 75000000 - Administration, defence and social security services
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees
- UKC12 - South Teesside
- UKC13 - Darlington

Engagement

Engagement deadline

12 November 2025

Engagement process description

Date/Time of event - Nov 12 from 9:30am to 11:30am GMT

Location - Trinity Centre, Market Place, North Ormesby Middlesbrough TS3 6LD

Please find the eventbrite link: <https://teesvalleyconnecttowork.eventbrite.com>

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Contracting authority

Hartlepool Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTCQ-5564-CHJP

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government