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## **Early Learning & Childcare Provision Framework (New Applicants October 2025)**

East Ayrshire Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

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Main address

<http://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00223](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00223)

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Early Learning & Childcare Provision Framework (New Applicants October 2025)

Reference number

PS/19/135 Oct 2025

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80110000 - Pre-school education services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Framework Agreement for Early Learning and Childcare Provision - New Applicants  
October 2025

OCTOBER 2025 REOPENING OF FLEXIBLE FRAMEWORK - NOTE THAT FUNDED PROVIDERS ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE FRAMEWORK DO NOT REQUIRE TO RE-APPLY, THIS NOTICE IS APPLICABLE FOR NEW APPLICANTS ONLY

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80110000 - Pre-school education services
- 85312110 - Child daycare services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

Main site or place of performance

East Ayrshire

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

As per the previously advertised Notice, the Flexible Framework commenced in April 2021 and in accordance with the terms therein, it is now being re-opened for new applicants to be included under the same terms as the original application exercise.

Note that the initial 5 year term of the Framework commenced on 1 April 2021, therefore the end of the initial term of the contract will end on 31 March 2026 for all Providers included in the Framework, however an extension to this has been invoked as allowed under the terms of the Framework and therefore the new end date is 31 March 2028.

ORIGINAL CONTRACT NOTICE TEXT: East Ayrshire Council require to set up a flexible Framework Agreement with Early Learning and Childcare Providers to support its statutory duty to make available funded early learning and childcare for all eligible children on an as required basis. The Framework Agreement will be for a period of 5 years with the option to extend for a further 2-years and will be re-opened for new applications to become a funded provider annually.

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation**

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Refer to application/framework documentation

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.1) Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010; The Children & Young People (Scotland) Act 2014, as amended

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

Refer to application/framework documentation

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Form of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

Service falls within the Light Touch Regime under the Procurement Legislation and Framework is being put in place to comply with Scottish Government legislation and will ensure continuity of service for parents/carers.

#### **IV.1.10) Identification of the national rules applicable to the procedure**

Information about national procedures is available at:

<https://www.gov.scot/Topics/Government/Procurement/policy/ProcurementReform/implementationEUDirProcRef>

#### **IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure**

Refer to application/framework documentation

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2020/S 222-547580](#)

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

18 December 2025

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Applications for submissions must be made by the deadline set (refer above), however the deadline for expressing an interest in the first

instance must be made by 12 noon on 15 December 2025.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 30366. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include a sub-contract clause as part of community benefits (as per Section 25 of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) in this contract for the following reason:

Not suitable

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include any community benefit requirements in this contract for the following reason:

Not suitable

(SC Ref:812903)

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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