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Planning

Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre Operator

Rochford District Council

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Scope

Reference

EPP0308

Description

Essex County Council, through the Essex Procurement Partnership, is carrying out Preliminary Market Engagement on behalf of Rochford District Council for the upcoming procurement of its Mill Hall Arts and Events Centre Operator tender. The Council is looking to appoint a supplier to manage and operate the Mill Arts and Events Centre. The contract will be formed of leasehold and management contract thereby transferring the operation of the Mill and all its activities to an external party. The Council will be seeking a long-term commitment with an experienced company, organisation or trust that combines prudent business planning as well as artistic vision and innovation. Your feedback will be invaluable in helping us ensure the contract is structured in a way that delivers value for money, promotes sustainability, and supports innovation. Below are key areas of interest. Please provide responses where applicable. You are not required to answer every question - focus on areas relevant to your expertise or service offering.

Total value (estimated)

- £5,000,000 excluding VAT
- £6,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2041
- Possible extension to 31 May 2046
- 20 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 92000000 - Recreational, cultural and sporting services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

Contract locations

- UKH36 - Heart of Essex

Engagement

Engagement deadline

1 December 2025

Engagement process description

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Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

8 December 2025

Contracting authority

Rochford District Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMRR-6539-DYRW

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Email: andrew.clark@rochford.gov.uk

Region: UKH37 - Essex Thames Gateway

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

Essex County Council

Summary of their role in this procurement: Procuring on behalf of Rochford District Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWVM-4844-NRQH

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Region: UKH36 - Heart of Essex

Contact organisation

Contact Rochford District Council for any enquiries.