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Planning

Soft Market Testing for Voluntary Community Faith Social Enterprise Sector - Infrastructure Support South Tyneside

South Tyneside Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

S6894

Description

South Tyneside Council is conducting a Soft Market Testing Exercise (SMTE) to seek the market's views on the delivery of Voluntary Community Faith Social Enterprise Sector (VCFSE) Sector - Infrastructure Support in South Tyneside and the continuation of Healthnet South Tyneside.

Total value (estimated)

- £406,569 excluding VAT

- £487,883 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

Contract locations

- UKC22 - Tyneside

Engagement

Engagement deadline

1 December 2025

Engagement process description

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You are invited to consider the inquiries detailed in this SMTE and complete the questionnaire which can be downloaded <https://open-uk.org/opportunities/overview/public/d141f40c-fcfc-432c-86c3-a5be82d4a250> (Opportunity number #OPEN20251957).

You will need to register, free of charge, on the Open E-Procurement system via <https://open-uk.org/> to access the questionnaire.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

3 January 2026

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

South Tyneside Borough Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government