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Planning

Foodbank Plus 2025

Leicester City Council

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Scope

Description

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Total value (estimated)

- £315,000 excluding VAT

- £378,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKF21 - Leicester

Engagement

Engagement deadline

2 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)

9 December 2025

Contracting authority

Leicester City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXRT-5737-VBQD

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