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Planning

Payments Appointeeships and Disbursement Services

The Association of North East Councils Limited
Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation
Leicestershire County Council, trading as ESPO

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Scope

Reference

NEPO537

Description

NEPO in collaboration with ESPO and YPO are seeking to establish a multi-supplier, multi lot Framework for the supply of Prepaid, Corporate and Appointeeship payments.

It is envisaged that the solution will comprise four lots:

Lot 1 - Prepaid Payments, providing prepaid card accounts that operate like standard debit cards but without an overdraft facility, enabling secure, controlled fund disbursement;

Lot 2 - Corporate Payments, offering commercial procurement cards (P-Cards) to streamline purchasing, enhance spend visibility and deliver process efficiencies;

Lot 3 - Appointeeship & Deputyship Payments, designed to manage direct payments, appointee and deputyship programmes, with strong safeguarding, spend controls, and real-time monitoring;

Lot 4 - Digital Pay Out Services, enabling authorities to make high-volume, secure, and instant digital payments for purposes such as grants, payroll, hardship funds, and emergency support.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Contract dates (estimated)

- 21 September 2026 to 20 September 2030
- Possible extension to 20 September 2032
- 6 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 30160000 - Magnetic cards
- 48812000 - Financial information systems
- 66000000 - Financial and insurance services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
 - GG - Guernsey
 - IM - Isle of Man
 - JE - Jersey
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Engagement

Engagement deadline

9 January 2026

Engagement process description

NEPO intends to hold meetings with interested suppliers via Microsoft Teams during the period from week commencing 1st December 2025 to 9th January 2026. A presentation will be given by NEPO and there will be an opportunity to ask questions in the session. Time slots will be provided to those whom express an interest in attending a session by contacting corporate.services@nepo.org. Attendance at the Microsoft Teams meeting is optional and does not provide suppliers with an advantage in any future related procurement. Attendance also does not constitute as an intention to tender for any future related procurement. Please note the above information may be subject to change and is indicative only.

NEPO also intend to publish a preliminary market engagement questionnaire via Open e-Tendering system (www.open-uk.org). (<https://www.open.uk.org>.) The questionnaire responses will help NEPO design the framework by providing the level of market interest and provide insight from suppliers on the shaping of the future provision. The questionnaire will be made accessible via the Open e-Tendering system on 5th December 2025 with a submission deadline of 12:00 noon on 9th January. Suppliers wishing to access and complete the questionnaire must first register on the e-Tendering system using the following link <https://www.open.uk.org> (<https://www.open-uk.org>) For guidance on how to create an account or submit your questionnaire response through Open, please visit <https://www.open-hub.org/training> (<https://www.open-hub.org/training>) to access the available Training Guides. If you need technical assistance from the Open Support team,

this can be requested via open.support@nepo.org. PLEASE NOTE: Open is accessible 24/7 however, technical support is available Monday to Thursday 08:30 - 17:00 and Friday 08:30 - 16:30.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

24 January 2026

Contracting authorities

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