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Planning

CN250567 - Urban Grass, Shrubs & Hedges - Market Engagement

Kent County Council

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Added additional CPV codes :

70000000: Real estate services

45000000: Construction work

Scope

Reference

CN250567

Description

Kent County Council (KCC) is conducting Market Engagement with contractors to develop our Commercial Strategy for the procurement of the Urban Grass, Shrubs & Hedges contract.

The current contract is due to expire on 28th February 2027. The main service areas comprise of urban grass, shrub and hedge cutting - to contribute to visual amenity and keep roads and pavements clear of vegetation for safe passage of highway users.

The main activities currently provided under this contract consist of the following (the Council reserves the right to amend activities at procurement stage):

- Six programmed urban grass cutting visits
- One shrub bed maintenance visit
- One hedge maintenance visit
- Conservation verge and wildflower programmed maintenance visits
- Other programmed activities
- Ad-hoc works

In order to obtain a greater understanding of the current market, the Council is undertaking Market Engagement.

Please note, completing this request for Market Engagement is not a prerequisite to be able to tender for this opportunity at a later date.

The new contract is due to start 1st March 2027.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk/tenders/UK-UK-Maidstone:-Landscape-gardening-services./37N23JB6B2>

To respond to this opportunity, please click here:

<https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk/respond/37N23JB6B2>

Total value (estimated)

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

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2027 to 29 February 2032
- Possible extension to 28 February 2035
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 45000000 - Construction work
- 70000000 - Real estate services
- 71421000 - Landscape gardening services
- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

Contract locations

- UKJ4 - Kent

Engagement

Engagement deadline

15 December 2025

Engagement process description

Please register on the Kent Business Portal to access the Market Engagement Questionnaire.

Contract value and contractual term are estimated at this point and will be confirmed in any subsequent tender notices.

Please complete the associated Market Engagement Questionnaire, referring to the attached Sample Scope, Sample Heat Maps and Sample Pricing Schedule documents.

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government