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Tender

Appointment of Sandwell Childrens Trust External Auditor

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

SMBC 25081

Description

Sandwell Children's Trust invites tenders from suitably qualified and competent registered auditors with a high level of knowledge and understanding of the public sector for the provision of a statutory external audit and certain related services. For the period 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029.

The auditor must have previous experience of auditing a local authority children's service, Children's Trust or public bodies providing welfare services. Further details of the external audit and other services can be found in the attached document within the In-Tend ITT Pack, Schedule 5 – External Auditor Service Specification.

Total value (estimated)

- £200,000 excluding VAT
- £240,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2030
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Option to extend for a further 12 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79212000 - Auditing services
- 79212100 - Financial auditing services

Contract locations

- UKG37 - Sandwell
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Submission

Tender submission deadline

28 December 2025, 3:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sandwellmbc>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

16 February 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	80%
Price	Price	20%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJHD-8764-YRJJ

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Region: UKG37 - Sandwell

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government