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ASC160 Better Care Transformation Programme Consultancy

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

ASC160

Description

Procurement of specialist consultancy services.

A continuation and extension of the existing transformation programme previously delivered by ARCC

Consulting under the ESPO 664_21 framework. The new agreement builds directly upon diagnostic findings, financial modelling, and service redesign work already completed by ARCC 2025.

Contract 1

Supplier

- ARCC HR LTD

Contract value

- £500,000 excluding VAT
- £600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

15 December 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2026
- Possible extension to 30 June 2027
- 1 year, 6 months

Description of possible extension:

If work has not completed can be extended for another six months without financial increase.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

Contract locations

- UKG37 - Sandwell

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Additional or repeat goods, services or works - extension or partial replacement

A change in supplier would result in significant duplication of cost and delay. Based on previous experience with comparable reviews, a new consultancy would require 6-14 weeks of discovery and scoping to recreate organisational intelligence already held by ARCC.

ARCC retains intellectual property and proprietary analytical models developed for Sandwell under previous projects. While the Council holds rights to deliverables, the underlying data frameworks, diagnostic tools, and methodologies remain ARCC's IP. Recommissioning a new supplier would require redevelopment of these tools at additional public cost.

Supplier

ARCC HR LTD

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGTY-2472-GQRV

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Contract 1

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government