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Award

Building Control Management Services

Chelmsford City Council

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Scope

Description

Chelmsford City Council has a statutory duty to provide building control services within its geographical area. Due to a national shortage of qualified building control inspectors, the council has been unable to recruit permanently to this role despite repeated attempts.

To prevent a breakdown in statutory service delivery, the council previously awarded a 6-month temporary contract to Sarto Thomas to provide a Building Control Manager. This contract is due to expire, and recruitment efforts remain unsuccessful. The Council has undertaken a direct award for a further 12 month contract to ensure continuity of services.

Contract 1

Supplier

- Sarto Thomas

Contract value

- £192,000 excluding VAT
- £230,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

16 December 2025

Standstill period

- End: 29 December 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

5 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 31 January 2026 to 30 January 2027
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79620000 - Supply services of personnel including temporary staff

Contract locations

- UKH3 - Essex

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Supplier

Sarto Thomas

- Companies House: 13657240

Sarto Thomas Ltd 2nd Floor, 1635 Parkway

Whiteley, Hampshire,

PO15 7AH

United Kingdom

Email: info@sartohtomas.com

Region: UKJ36 - Central Hampshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

Chelmsford City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYRZ-1467-WNJW

Civic Centre

Chelmsford

CM1 1JE

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@chelmsford.gov.uk

Region: UKH36 - Heart of Essex

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government