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Planning

Barbican Renewal Construction Management PME

The Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London

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Scope

Reference

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Description

The Barbican Renewal Programme is the City of London Corporation's (The City) plan to ensure every part of the Barbican Centre's iconic site is restored, revitalized and relevant for future generations.

The Barbican is a Grade II listed Brutalist icon, recognised as one of the UK's architectural treasures. Since we opened our doors in 1982, we have become a world-renowned destination, offering a creative programme of unique breadth in spaces of exceptional architectural significance.

The Barbican Renewal Programme consists of the following projects:

Conservatory

Refurbishment of the existing Barbican Conservatory to address critical building and infrastructure issues while honouring the original architectural vision, revitalising it into an iconic, free and welcoming public green space. The scope includes major accessibility upgrades, improved legibility and circulation, and sensitive restoration of the historic fabric to enhance thermal performance, sustainability and climate resilience.

Foyers, Lakeside, Catering Block

The aim of this project is to ensure that these key public spaces of the Barbican Centre's iconic site are restored, revitalised and relevant for future generations. The design focusses on key accessibility, sustainability and decluttering moves, while also enhancing the overall visitor experience.

MEP Infrastructure Phase 2

Carry out critical infrastructure renewal to modernize its Mechanical, Electrical, and Public Health (MEP) systems, much of which are over 40 years old. This long-term programme aims to ensure operational resilience, improve energy efficiency, and align with the City of London's Net Zero Carbon targets.

Ancillary Projects - Sculpture Court

The project aims to strengthen the connection between these areas and open up sight lines to display the architecture's unique character. The Barbican would like to explore new offerings and activations for the space, and the enhance outdoor cinema experience which is hosted on the Sculpture Court in the summer

The City is undertaking a pre-market engagement exercise to establish the most appropriate route to delivering and managing the works associated with the various projects, and is considering adopting a Construction Management (CM) approach.

The City seeks input from the contractor market to understand what might be the most attractive way of packaging and scoping a future procurement opportunity to deliver the project outcomes.

Total value (estimated)

- £4,851,000 excluding VAT
- £5,821,200 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 May 2026 to 1 April 2029
- Possible extension to 1 April 2030
- 3 years, 11 months, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71540000 - Construction management services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

19 January 2026

Engagement process description

The Pre-Market Engagement (PME) exercise will provide an opportunity for the City to obtain insight into how contractors might approach the delivery of the project. It also gives a useful early insight into the likely level of interest in a proposed project from the market.

Interested organisations will be asked to complete and return a brief questionnaire. To access the PME questionnaire and supporting documentation, please register on the electronic tendering system 'City of London Corporation Sourcing & Contracts Portal' (https://cityoflondon.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/esop/ogc-host/public/cityoflondon/web/login.jst?_ncp=1750328586606.1507105-1) and search for 'Barbican Renewal Construction Management'.

Organisations should submit their completed questionnaire in accordance with the instructions set out in the PME documentation, by the return deadline of 16:00 (GMT) on 19th January 2026.

Following receipt and review of questionnaires, the project team may conduct further direct discussions with organisations of interest to further explore the themes set out in the questionnaire.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

2 February 2026

Contracting authority

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