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## **T2714 Upgrade and contract extension of the Content Management System (CMS) for Council Websites**

Belfast City Council

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

T2714

### **Description**

The Council requires an upgrade to the current Content Management System provided by Professional Granite Consulting LTD to ensure continued use and to meet the operational requirement to create, edit, organise, and publish content on Council websites. The system provides the structure for managing text, images, videos, and other digital assets.

The current Content Management System is no longer supported post December 2026 and a migration to a different platform is required. Removal of maintenance, support and upgrades post December 2026 poses a significant security and reputational risk to the organisation.

The contract period for this contract is four (4) years due to the financial investment required for the upgrade of the Content Management System and to enable the Council to carry out a full appraisal of the requirement and a long term plan for the future.

## **Contract 1. T2714 Upgrade and contract extension of the Content Management System (CMS) for Council Websites**

### **Supplier**

- Professional Granite Consulting LTD

### **Contract value**

- £350,000 excluding VAT
- £420,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

23 January 2026

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 26 January 2026 to 25 January 2030
- 4 years

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 48783000 - Content management software package
- 72260000 - Software-related services

### **Contract locations**

- UKN06 - Belfast

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### **Other information**

#### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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### **Procedure**

#### **Procedure type**

Direct award

#### **Direct award justification**

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

This notice is issued in accordance with Chapter 3 Direct Award, Schedule 5, point 7 of the Procurement Act 2023 to advise of and explain the use of the Direct Award procedure in this instance.

The upgrade and extension of the current content management system provided by Professional Granite Consulting LTD is required due to:

- a change in supplier would result in the Council receiving goods, services or works that are different from, or incompatible with, the existing services as the current system has undergone development and customisation that no other system could immediately provide.
- the difference or incompatibility would result in disproportionate technical difficulties in operation or maintenance as the current system provides the structure and backbone to all Council websites, a change or removal of this system would result in significant operational difficulties.

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## Supplier

### **Professional Granite Consulting LTD**

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## Contracting authority

### Belfast City Council

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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland