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Award

Chelmsford Park and Ride

Essex County Council

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Scope

Reference

PL0097

Description

Chelmsford Park and Ride Services for - Sandon Park and Ride Service and Chelmer Valley Park and Ride Service, for an initial contract term of four years. The strategic aim of the Park and Ride (P&R) Services in Essex is to reduce congestion and provide a high quality frequent bus service as an attractive alternative to driving and parking in the city centre.

Lot 1. Sandon Park and Ride Service

Description

The Sandon Park and Ride Service: Park and Ride Service based from the Sandon Park and Ride Site. The Site is accessible from the A12 and has a short 10-minute journey time into the city centre.

(Please see the Procontract Advert for the Schedule 1 - Part 1 - Service Specification of the Terms and Conditions, as well as the Route Timetable and Description).

Lot 2. Chelmer Valley Park and Ride Service

Description

The Sandon Park and Ride Service: Park and Ride Service based from the Chelmer Valley Park and Ride Site. The Site is situated along the A134 and is accessible from Braintree and The Beaulieu Development, North Chelmsford, and is a 15-minute journey time into the city centre

(Please see the Procontract Advert for the Schedule 1 - Part 1 - Service Specification of the Terms and Conditions, as well as the Route Timetable and Description).

Contract 1. Chelmsford Park & Ride Service

Lots

Lot 1. Sandon Park and Ride Service

Lot 2. Chelmer Valley Park and Ride Service

Supplier

- FIRST ESSEX BUSES LIMITED

Contract value

- £15,960,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

22 December 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

22 December 2025

Standstill period

- End: 6 January 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

12 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 6 March 2026 to 5 March 2030
- Possible extension to 5 March 2033
- 7 years

Description of possible extension:

Option to extend up to 3 years in increments at the Authority's discretion.

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The contracts provides grounds to upgrade the service by adding a Double Decker Bus to the fleet operating the service, with a proportionate increase in daily rate.

CPV classifications

- 60112000 - Public road transport services

Contract locations

- UKH36 - Heart of Essex
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Information about tenders

Lot 1. Sandon Park and Ride Service

- 2 tenders received
 - 2 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 1 supplier unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Unsuccessful suppliers

- [STEPHENSONS OF ESSEX LIMITED](#)
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Submission

Submission type

Tenders

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Suppliers

FIRST ESSEX BUSES LIMITED

- Companies House: 01961457
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGZZ-8924-QJRJ

Bus Depot

Chelmsford

CM1 3AR

United Kingdom

Email: julian.elliott@firstbus.co.uk

Website: <http://www.firstbus.co.uk/essex>

Region: UKH36 - Heart of Essex

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Connected people/organisations:

The Connected Persons described for this Contract is First Bus Holdings Limited. Their Companies House number is 03261587, and their address is 8th Floor, The Point, 37 North Wharf, London W2 1AF, UK.

Contract 1. Chelmsford Park & Ride Service

STEPHENSONS OF ESSEX LIMITED

- Companies House: 01815977
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPDN-2856-TWMX

Monometer House

Leigh On Sea

SS9 2HN

United Kingdom

Website: <http://www.stephensonsofessex.com>

Region: UKH31 - Southend-on-Sea

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contracting authority

Essex County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWVM-4844-NRQH

County Hall, Market Road

Chelmsford

CM1 1QH

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Region: UKH36 - Heart of Essex

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government