


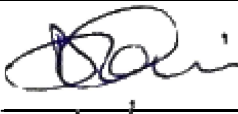

<p style="text-align: center;">ORDER FORM [Professional services]</p>		
PURCHASE ORDER No.	LCPO516	
DATE:	28 May 2025	

London Councils appoints the Consultant to perform the Services subject to and in accordance with:

- London Councils' Conditions "E" (Professional Services) 2016;
- the Particulars listed below; and
- any further documents **and Special Conditions** listed in the Particulars,

copies of which are attached to and are incorporated by reference into this Order.

THE PARTICULARS		
1.1(k)	The Consultant is:	Regen SW a Private Limited Company by guarantee without share capital use of 'Limited' exemption, registered in England with company number 04554636, whose registered office is at Bradninch Court Ground Floor, Bradninch Court, Exeter, Devon, England, EX4 3PL
1.1(w)	The Payment Period is:	20 Working Days following submission of a valid and undisputed invoice
1.1(aa)	The Services are:	London Councils Community Energy Toolkit (LCCET) for Renewable Power for London
1.1(d)	The Authorised Officer is:	David Sanni
2.5	The timescale for performing the Services is:	19 th May – 30 th October 2025
2.6	The Services are performed in the following Stages:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inception meeting and report – May 2025 • Online audience engagement webinar – July 2025 • Officer hackathon workshops x 2 – July-September 2025 • Officer interviews – July-August 2025 • Draft Toolkit for review - September 2025 • London Councils Community Energy Toolkit (LCCET) – w/c 13th October 2025 • Toolkit launch event – w/c 20th October
2.9	The rates to be paid for Additional Services are:	Stated day rates for each individual
3.1	The Fee is:	£39,100 excl. VAT
3.2	Interim payments on account will be made at the following intervals:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% [£9,775] contract is signed • 25% [£9,775] upon delivery of 2 x officer hackathon workshops. • 50% [£19,550] paid upon delivery and sign-off of final Toolkit.

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4.1	The insurances required will be for a sum of not less than:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1,000,000 each and every claim for Professional Indemnity; • £2,000,000 for Public Liability; and • the minimum level required under the governing law for Employer's Liability
5.1	Intellectual Property Rights:	Option A applies
16.1	Community Benefit:	Condition 16.1 does not apply
The further documents which are attached to and form part of this Order are:		Appendix 1 –London Councils Community Energy Toolkit (LCCET) ITQ [See below] Appendix 2 – Regen and Repowering proposal [separate document] Appendix 3 – Regen Inception meeting report [separate document] Appendix 4 – Regen Data Protection Policy [separate document]
Special Conditions		The Parties agree that the Consultant's total liability for claims against the Consultant's professional indemnity insurance cover shall be limited to the value of that policy (£1M), any claims that are not covered by insurance policies shall be capped in the amount of £100,000.
By signing this Order where indicated below London Councils and the Consultant have confirmed their acceptance of the terms and conditions applying to this Order with effect from the date indicated above.		
SIGNED for and on behalf of London Councils by:		 Name: David Sanni Title: Director, Corporate Resources
SIGNED for and on behalf of the Consultant by:		 Name: Merlin Hyman Title: Chief Executive

1. Definitions & Interpretation

1.1 In this Agreement, unless the context in which the words appear requires otherwise, the following words and expressions will have the following meanings:

- (a) **Additional Services** means tasks which the Consultant is instructed in writing by the Authorised Officer to perform in accordance with Condition 2.9 that are additional to the Services;
- (b) **Agreement** means these Conditions, the Order and any other document referred to in the Order;
- (c) **Apprenticeship** means course of training relevant to the Services being provided;
- (d) **Authorised Officer** means the person named in the Order or any person designated or nominated by London Councils in writing as its representative, in relation to instructions to, and receipt of information, documents, etc. from the Consultant under this Agreement;
- (e) **Data Loss Event** any event that results, or may result, in unauthorised access to Personal Data held by the Processor under this Agreement, and/or actual or potential loss and/or destruction of Personal Data in breach of this Agreement, including any Personal Data Breach.
- (f) **Data Protection Impact Assessment:** an assessment by the Controller of the impact of the envisaged processing on the protection of Personal Data
- (g) **Data Protection Legislation:** (i) the GDPR, the LED and any applicable national implementing Laws as amended from time to time (ii) the DPA 2018 [subject to Royal Assent to the extent that it relates to processing of personal data and privacy; (iii) all applicable Law about the processing of personal data and privacy
- (h) **Data Subject Request** a request made by, or on behalf of, a Data Subject in accordance with rights granted pursuant to the Data Protection Legislation to access their Personal Data.
- (i) **DPA 2018** Data Protection Act 2018
- (j) **Confidential Information** means all information obtained under this Agreement or in connection with the Services;
- (k) **Consultant** means the firm, company, or individual being the counterparty to London Councils named in the Order;
- (l) **Deprived Area** means any borough, district or other local government area (defined as such in the law of any member state of the European Union) defined as "most deprived" in the English Indices of Deprivation 2015, as published from time to time, by the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG), or in any similar or equivalent index or table as maybe published from time to time, by any central or local government or public body in any member state of the European Union;
- (m) **Documents** means the documents (including, reports, recommendations, expert witness reports, documentary evidence, advertising materials, databases, sketches, drawings, designs, logos and other documents and

information) in any way specifically prepared by the Consultant in connection with the Services whether or not in existence prior to the commencement of the Services;

- (n) **Fee** means the sum indicated in the Order to be paid by London Councils in consideration of the Consultant carrying out and completing the Services to London Councils' satisfaction;
- (o) **GDPR** the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679)
- (p) **Joint Controllers** where two or more Controllers jointly determine the purposes and means of processing
- (q) **Law** means any law, subordinate legislation within the meaning of Section 21(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978, bye-law, enforceable right within the meaning of Section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972, regulation, order, regulatory policy, mandatory guidance or code of practice, judgment of a relevant court of law, or directives or requirements with which the Processor is bound to comply
- (r) **LED** Law Enforcement Directive (Directive (EU) 2016/680)
- (s) **Limitation Period** unless stated otherwise in the Order means the period of 6 years commencing from either the date of completion of the whole of the Services, or (if earlier) the date upon which the Consultant's engagement under this Agreement is terminated;
- (t) **London Councils** is a Joint Committee established pursuant to section 102 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), whose principal offices are at 59% Southwark Street, London SE1 0AL;
- (u) **Materials** means all background and third party information and materials including, database rights, patents, registered and unregistered designs, logos, internet domain names, business or trade names and registrations, and all registered and unregistered trademarks, (and any applications for registration therefor if any) in any way used by the Consultant in preparation of the Documents;
- (v) **Order** means the order form letter or Deed issued by London Councils (into which these Conditions are incorporated by reference) instructing the Consultant to provide the Services;
- (w) **Payment Period** means (unless otherwise specified in the Order) 20 Working Days from receipt of a valid invoice and fee account (accompanied by detailed timesheets where requested or such other supporting evidence as may be reasonably requested by London Councils);
- (x) **Policies of London Councils** means respectively the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Equal Opportunities Policy of London Councils currently in force (copies of which can be obtained from the Authorised Officer), together with any further policies identified in this Agreement;
- (y) **Processor Personnel:** means all directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and contractors of the

Processor and/or of any Sub-Processor engaged in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement

- (z) **Protective Measures:** appropriate technical and organisational measures which may include: pseudonymising and encrypting Personal Data, ensuring confidentiality, integrity, availability and resilience of systems and services, ensuring that availability of and access to Personal Data can be restored in a timely manner after an incident, and regularly assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of the such measures adopted by it including those outlined in Schedule [A] (Security).
- (aa) **Services** means those services as set out on or referred to in the Order;
- (bb) **Stage** means any stage or point of progress in the execution of the Services if any as will be set out and so defined in the Order;
- (cc) **Sub-processor** any third Party appointed to process Personal Data on behalf of that Processor related to this Agreement and
- (dd) **Working Day** means Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Christmas Day, Good Friday or a day which under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 is a bank holiday in England.

1.2 Headings are for information only and do not form part of this Agreement.

1.3 A reference to any Act of Parliament or to any Order, Regulation, Statutory Instrument, enforceable EU Legislation, Code of Practice or the like will include reference to any amendment or re-enactment of the same.

1.4 Words importing the masculine gender include the feminine gender; words in the singular include the plural and vice versa and words importing individuals will be treated as importing corporations companies and/or partnerships and vice versa.

1.5 The terms of this Agreement will be the sole terms applying to this Agreement and all other conditions of contract, or terms of trade, supplied by the Consultant are specifically excluded and do not amend, or in any way displace the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

2. Services

2.1 London Councils engages the Consultant and the Consultant agrees to carry out the Services subject to and in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

2.2 The Consultant will provide suitably qualified personnel to carry out the Services using all reasonable skill, care and diligence having regard to current knowledge, information and good practice.

2.3 The Consultant will in the execution of the Services take account of any Statute, Statutory Instrument, Byelaw, relevant British Standard or equivalent European Standard or other mandatory requirement or Code of Practice and the Policies of London Councils, which may be in force, or come into force, during the execution of the Services.

2.4 The Consultant will collaborate and work in consultation with any other consultants or contractors

appointed now, or at any time by London Councils, during the provision of the Services.

2.5 The Services will be performed by the Consultant within the time limit stated in the Order (or if none stated, within a reasonable time)

2.6 If the Services set out in the Order are set out in Stages, the Consultant will not proceed with any Stage without the written authority of the Authorised Officer.

2.7 The Consultant will, if so required, attend upon a committee of London Councils, or any statutory or public body, on any matter concerning the Services and will attend any meetings called by the Authorised Officer, make such reports concerning the Services as the Authorised Officer may reasonably require.

2.8 London Councils will be relying upon the Consultant's skill and expertise in the provision of the Services and also upon the accuracy of all statements made and advice given by the Consultant in connection with the provision of the Services and the accuracy of any documents, reports or other materials drawn up or created by the Consultant in relation to the same, subject always to the Consultant's obligations set out in Condition 2.2.

2.9 If instructed to do so, the Consultant will carry out Additional Services. Any such instruction will only be regarded as valid and in accordance with this Agreement if it is headed "Additional Services". The Consultant will be remunerated for the provision of Additional Services by a pre-agreed lump sum figure in writing, or in the absence of such an agreement on an hourly basis in accordance with the rates set out in the Order.

2.10 Where the Consultant is to be paid under Condition 2.9 for carrying out Additional Services at an hourly rate London Councils will only be obliged to consider applications for such payments where they are supported by duly completed timesheets in accordance with the format set out in Appendix 1.

2.11 The Consultant will only be entitled to receive additional payments where it has received a written instruction from the Authorised Officer strictly in accordance with Condition 2.9.

3. Payment

3.1 London Councils will pay to the Consultant and the Consultant will accept in full satisfaction for the performance of the Services the Fee, or such other amount as may become payable to the Consultant in accordance with, at the times and in the proportions set out in, this Agreement, together with any correctly charged V.A.T. that is applicable.

3.2 Where it is agreed that interim payments on account are to be made to the Consultant by London Councils, these payments will be made at intervals, or on the dates set out in the Order which will be the payment due date in this Agreement. Payment for the Services and any Additional Services will, unless otherwise agreed in writing, be made by London Councils within the Payment Period. The last day of the Payment Period is the final date for payment under this Agreement.

3.3 As a condition precedent to payment London Councils' Purchase Order number must be indicated on any invoice submitted by the Consultant in connection with this Agreement. London Councils will be entitled to reject any

invoice submitted by the Consultant in the event that London Councils' relevant Purchase Order number is not stated on the invoice. Invoices submitted by the Consultant will be considered and verified by London Councils in a timely fashion and undue delay in doing so will be insufficient justification for failing to regard an invoice as valid and undisputed.

3.4 Without waiver or limitation of any rights or remedies London Councils will be entitled to withhold, deduct or set-off from any amounts due or owing by London Councils to the Consultant in connection with this Agreement any losses, costs or damages arising from the Consultant's breach of this Agreement, or any other agreement, subject always to London Councils giving the Consultant written notice not later than 5 Working Days before the final date for payment of the amount due, which will specify any amount proposed to be withheld, deducted or set-off, the ground or grounds for such withholding and/or deduction.

4. Insurance & Indemnity

4.1 The Consultant will have and keep in force Professional Indemnity insurance and Public Liability insurance and if applicable Employer's Liability Insurance to cover any claim made against them by London Councils in relation to their Services including any loss arising out of the breach of Condition 2 and will upon request, from time to time, produce to the Authorised Officer suitable proof that such cover is in place.

4.2 The Consultant will indemnify London Councils against any claims for loss or damage to property or injury or death to any person arising directly out of their obligations and the performance of the Services.

5. Intellectual Property Rights

5.1 Upon completion of the Services or earlier termination of the Consultant's engagement under Condition 18, all of the Documents will immediately be delivered to London Councils. Where the Order states that:

(a) **Option A applies**, all of the Documents will be the property of London Councils in all respects and the Consultant hereby assigns full copyright and future copyright and all other intellectual property rights in the Documents to London Councils; or

(b) **Option B applies**, the Consultant hereby grants to London Councils an irrevocable non-fee paying exclusive licence for the use thereof for whatever purpose related to the Services or the future support and development of the Services or any project or delivered product arising out of the Services and in whatever medium London Councils deems appropriate.

5.2 In addition to the assignment/licensing and assignment of the intellectual property rights under Condition 5.1, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Consultant:

(a) Will on completion of the Services or earlier termination of the Consultant's engagement under Condition 18, assign and transfer all database rights, patents, registered and unregistered designs, logos, internet domain names, business or trade names and registrations, and all registered and unregistered trademarks, (and any applications for registration therefor if any) specifically prepared for London

Councils under this Agreement or for the purposes of entering into this Agreement.

(b) hereby grants to (or will procure for the benefit of) London Councils, a non-exclusive licence to use the Materials for whatever purpose and in whatever medium London Councils deems appropriate and will immediately deliver copies of such Materials to London Councils.

5.3 To the extent necessary for the on-going use of the delivered product or the Services, the Consultant grants to (or procures for the benefit of) London Councils an irrevocable non-fee paying non-exclusive licence to use their or appropriate third party logos, trademarks and other intellectual property together with all appropriate hosting agreements, websites and other software in accordance with agreed guidelines or conditions for the purposes of the Services and any on-going project as set out or referred to in the specification of the Services.

5.4 The Consultant acknowledges that Copyright and all other intellectual property rights in this Agreement (including London Councils' requirement, specification or design brief as referred to in the specification of the Services, all documents and materials together with any images, designs, logos and layouts and all patents, domain names, business or trade names and trademarks (whether registered, unregistered, applied for or pending or otherwise) and all other intellectual property rights included therein), remains at all times vested in London Councils or other owners and London Councils hereby grants to the Consultant a limited licence to use such requirement/specification/design brief documents and materials etc. solely for the purposes of providing the Services to London Councils and for no other purpose whatsoever.

5.5 The Consultant acknowledges that London Councils may withhold any sums due under this Agreement if the Consultant fails to comply fully with the provisions of this Condition 5 until such time as the Consultant so complies.

5.6 The Consultant warrants that it has power and necessary authority to enter into this Agreement and to grant the rights and licences in the Documents and Materials and that the use of the Documents and Materials will not breach any third party intellectual property rights.

6. Confidentiality & Publicity

6.1 The Consultant will only divulge Confidential Information to those employees who are directly involved in the Services or are engaged in support of them and will ensure that such employees are aware of, and will comply with, these obligations as to confidentiality.

6.2 The Consultant will not advertise, or publicly announce that it undertakes work for London Councils, nor will it make any press release, or statement, without the prior written consent of the Authorised Officer.

6.3 The Consultant agrees and warrants that it will not without the prior express written consent of London Councils:

(c) use for its own benefit or otherwise exploit any Confidential Information nor divulge to any other party that the Consultant is intending to, or has tendered for, or been appointed to perform, the Services;

- (d) disclose any Confidential Information, in whole or in part, to any third person, firm, company or other such similar entity or otherwise use such information to the detriment of London Councils for example, but not limited to, the pursuit of a business opportunity;
- (e) use the Confidential Information for any purpose whatsoever other than that for which the Consultant is specifically given access; or
- (f) use the Confidential Information for any illegal or immoral purposes.

6.4 The Consultant will take all reasonable precautions necessary to safeguard the personal nature of the Confidential Information and will advise and inform its personnel and agents to strictly observe such obligations.

6.5 All notes, data, reference materials in any way incorporating, or reflecting, any of the Confidential Information will belong exclusively to London Councils and the Consultant agrees to turn over all copies of such materials in its control to London Councils upon request, or upon completion of the Services, or upon termination of the Consultant's engagement under this Agreement.

7. General Data Protection Regulation

7.1. The Parties acknowledge that for the purposes of the Data Protection Legislation, the Customer is the Controller and the Contractor is the Processor. For the avoidance of doubt the only processing that the Contractor is authorised to do is listed in the DP Schedule by the Controller and may not be determined by the Contractor.

7.2. The Processor shall notify the Controller immediately if it considers that any of the Controller's instructions infringe the Data Protection Legislation.

7.3. The Processor shall provide all reasonable assistance to the Controller in the preparation of any Data Protection Impact Assessment prior to commencing any processing. Such assistance may, at the discretion of the Controller, include:

- (a) a systematic description of the envisaged processing operations and the purpose of the processing;
- (b) an assessment of the necessity and proportionality of the processing operations in relation to the Services;
- (c) an assessment of the risks to the rights and freedoms of Data Subjects; and
- (d) the measures envisaged to address the risks, including safeguards, security measures and mechanisms to ensure the protection of Personal Data.

7.4. The Processor shall, in relation to any Personal Data processed in connection with its obligations under this Agreement:

- (a) process that Personal Data only in accordance with the DP schedule unless the Processor is required to do otherwise by Law. If it is so required the Processor shall promptly notify the Controller before processing the Personal Data unless prohibited by Law;
- (b) ensure that it has in place Protective Measures, which are appropriate to protect against a Data Loss Event, which the Controller may reasonably reject (but failure to reject shall not amount to approval by the Controller of the adequacy of the Protective Measures), having taken account of the:
 - (i) nature of the data to be protected;
 - (ii) harm that might result from a Data Loss Event;
 - (iii) state of technological development; and

(iv) cost of implementing any measures;

(c) ensure that:

(i) the Processor Personnel do not process Personal Data except in accordance with this Agreement (and in particular the DP schedule);

(ii) it takes all reasonable steps to ensure the reliability and integrity of any Processor Personnel who have access to the Personal Data and ensure that they:

(A) are aware of and comply with the Processor's duties under this clause;

(B) are subject to appropriate confidentiality undertakings with the Processor or any Sub-processor;

(C) are informed of the confidential nature of the Personal Data and do not publish, disclose or divulge any of the Personal Data to any third Party unless directed in writing to do so by the Controller or as otherwise permitted by this Agreement; and

(D) have undergone adequate training in the use, care, protection and handling of Personal Data; and

(d) not transfer Personal Data outside of the EU unless the prior written consent of the Controller has been obtained and the following conditions are fulfilled:

(i) the Controller or the Processor has provided appropriate safeguards in relation to the transfer (whether in accordance with GDPR Article 46 or LED Article 37) as determined by the Controller;

(ii) the Data Subject has enforceable rights and effective legal remedies;

(iii) the Processor complies with its obligations under the Data Protection Legislation by providing an adequate level of protection to any Personal Data that is transferred (or, if it is not so bound, uses its best endeavours to assist the Controller in meeting its obligations); and

(iv) the Processor complies with any reasonable instructions notified to it in advance by the Controller with respect to the processing of the Personal Data;

(e) at the written direction of the Controller, delete or return Personal Data (and any copies of it) to the Controller on termination of the Agreement unless the Processor is required by Law to retain the Personal Data.

7.5. Subject to clause 7.6, the Processor shall notify the Controller immediately if it:

- (a) receives a Data Subject Request (or purported Data Subject Request);
- (b) receives a request to rectify, block or erase any Personal Data;
- (c) receives any other request, complaint or communication relating to either
- (d) Party's obligations under the Data Protection Legislation;
- (e) receives any communication from the Information Commissioner or any other regulatory authority in connection with Personal Data processed under this Agreement;
- (f) receives a request from any third Party for disclosure of Personal Data where compliance with such request is required or purported to be required by Law; or
- (g) becomes aware of a Data Loss Event.

7.6. The Processor's obligation to notify under clause 7.5 shall include the provision of further information to the Controller in phases, as details become available.

7.7. Taking into account the nature of the processing, the Processor shall provide the Controller with full assistance in relation to either Party's obligations under Data Protection Legislation and any complaint, communication or request made under clause 7.5 (and insofar as possible within the timescales reasonably required by the Controller) including by promptly providing:

- (a) the Controller with full details and copies of the complaint, communication or request;
- (b) such assistance as is reasonably requested by the Controller to enable the Controller to comply with a Data Subject Request within the relevant timescales set out in the Data Protection Legislation;
- (c) the Controller, at its request, with any Personal Data it holds in relation to a Data Subject;
- (d) assistance as requested by the Controller following any Data Loss Event;
- (e) assistance as requested by the Controller with respect to any request from the Information Commissioner's Office, or any consultation by the Controller with the Information Commissioner's Office.

7.8 The Processor shall maintain complete and accurate records and information to demonstrate its compliance with this clause. This requirement does not apply where the Processor employs fewer than 250 staff, unless:

- (a) the Controller determines that the processing is not occasional;
- (b) the Controller determines the processing includes special categories of data as referred to in Article 9(1) of the GDPR or Personal Data relating to criminal convictions and offences referred to in Article 10 of the GDPR; or
- (c) the Controller determines that the processing is likely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of Data Subjects.

7.9 The Processor shall allow for audits of its Data Processing activity by the Controller or the Controller's designated auditor.

7.10 Each Party shall designate its own data protection officer if required by the Data Protection Legislation.

7.11 Before allowing any Sub-processor to process any Personal Data related to this Agreement, the Processor must:

- (a) notify the Controller in writing of the intended Sub-processor and processing;
- (b) obtain the written consent of the Controller;
- (c) enter into a written agreement with the Sub-processor which give effect to the terms set out in this clause [7.11] such that they apply to the Sub-processor; and
- (d) provide the Controller with such information regarding the Sub-processor as the Controller may reasonably require.

7.12 The Processor shall remain fully liable for all acts or omissions of any of its Sub-processors.

7.13 The Controller may, at any time on not less than 30 Working Days' notice, revise this clause by replacing it with any applicable controller to processor standard clauses or similar terms forming part of an applicable certification scheme (which shall apply when incorporated by attachment to this Agreement).

7.14 The Parties agree to take account of any guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office. The Controller may on not less than 30 Working Days' notice to the Processor amend this agreement to ensure that it complies with any guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office.

7.15 Notwithstanding any other provision herein contained, the Contractor shall indemnify the Controller in respect of any, fine, loss, claim, action damages or demand imposed on or suffered by the Controller as a result of any breach by the Contractor of this clause.

8 Delegation & Third Party Rights

8.1 The Consultant will not unless permitted, in writing, by the Authorised Officer and on terms acceptable to London Councils, sublet to, or sub-contract with any third party for all, or any part, of the Services.

8.2 The Consultant must not appoint a sub-contractor or supplier in relation to the Services if there are compulsory grounds for excluding the sub-contractor or supplier under regulation 57 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The Consultant must include in any sub-contract awarded by it in relation to the Services provisions requiring that:

- (a) payment due to the sub-contractor or supplier under the sub-contract is made no later than 30 days after receipt of a valid and undisputed invoice, unless the Order requires the Consultant to make earlier payment to the sub-contractor or supplier;
- (b) invoices for payment submitted by the sub-contractor or supplier are considered and verified by the Consultant in a timely fashion;
- (c) undue delay in considering and verifying invoices is not sufficient justification for failing to regard an invoice as valid and undisputed; and
- (d) any contract awarded by the sub-contractor or supplier in relation to the Services includes provisions to the same effect as this Condition 8.2.

8.3 The Consultant will not assign, or transfer, the benefit, or obligations of this Agreement, or any part of them.

8.4 Nothing in this Agreement confers or purports to confer any rights to enforce any of its terms pursuant to the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 on any person who is not a party to this Agreement.

9 Status of the Consultant

9.1 Nothing contained in this Agreement, or elsewhere, is to be read, or construed, as a contract of employment so as to place the parties in the position of employer or employee. Nothing contained in this Agreement is to be so construed as to constitute either party to be the agent of the other. This Agreement does not operate so as to create a partnership or joint venture of any kind between the parties.

10 Force Majeure

10.1 London Councils reserves the right to postpone or to cancel this Agreement or reduce the Services ordered if it is prevented from or delayed in the carrying on of its business due to circumstances beyond the reasonable

control of London Councils including, without limitation, acts of God, governmental actions, war or national emergency, acts of terrorism, protests, riot, civil commotion, fire, explosion, flood, epidemic, lock-outs, strikes or other labour disputes (whether or not relating to either party's workforce), or restraints or delays affecting carriers or inability or delay in obtaining supplies of adequate or suitable materials.

11 Notices

11.1 Any demand notice, or other communication, required to be given hereunder will be sufficiently served if served personally on the addressee, or if sent by a pre-paid first class special delivery post, or by facsimile transmission to the registered office, or last known address of the party to be served with it and if so sent will subject to proof of the contrary, be deemed to have been received by the addressee on the second Working Day after the date of posting, or on successful transmission as the case may be.

12 Waiver & Severance

12.1 Failure by London Councils at any time to enforce the provisions of this Agreement, or to require performance by the Consultant of any of the provisions of this Agreement, will not be construed as a waiver of any such provision and will not affect the validity of this Agreement, or any part of this Agreement, or the right of London Councils to enforce any provision in accordance with its terms, at any time.

12.2 If any provision in this Agreement becomes void, voidable or unenforceable by virtue of the coming into force of any statute or other mandatory legislation or in the event of any provision being declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be such, then and in such event, the balance of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

13 Bribery

13.1 The Consultant must comply at all times with the provisions of the Bribery Act 2010, in particular Section 7 thereof in relation to the conduct of its employees, or persons associated with it.

13.2 The Consultant warrants that, at all times, it has in place adequate procedures designed to prevent acts of bribery from being committed by its employees or persons associated with it, and must provide to London Councils at its request, within a reasonable time, proof of the existence and implementation of those procedures.

13.3 London Councils is entitled by notice to the Consultant to terminate the Consultant's engagement under this or any other contract with the Consultant if, in relation to this or any other such contract, the Consultant or any person employed by it or acting on its behalf commits an offence in relation to the Bribery Act 2010.

14 Discrimination

14.1 The Consultant must not unlawfully discriminate within the meaning and scope of the Equality Act 2010 or Schedule 8 of the Employment Equality (Age) Regulations 2006.

14.2 Without prejudice to the generality of Condition 14.1, the Consultant is to comply with London Councils'

Equal Opportunities Policy, a copy of which has been provided to the Consultant by London Councils.

14.3 The Consultant will take all necessary steps to secure the observance of the provisions of Conditions 14.1 and 14.2 by all its employees, servants, agents or sub-contractors employed in the performance of the Services.

15 Freedom of Information

15.1 In the event that London Councils receives a request in connection with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004:

- (a) the Consultant will use reasonable endeavours to assist London Councils, at no additional charge and within such timescales as London Councils may reasonably specify, in meeting any requests for information in relation to this Agreement or the Services which are made to London Councils; and
- (b) London Councils will, wherever reasonably practical, consult with the Consultant before disclosing information that relates to the Consultant.

15.2 All information provided or assistance rendered by virtue of the Consultant's obligations under this Condition 15 is part of the Consultant's general obligations to London Councils and will be at no cost to London Councils.

16 Community Benefit

16.1 Where indicated in the Order, the Consultant will use its reasonable endeavours to procure at least 10% of the value of any supplies, services and works from sub-consultants and/or suppliers whose businesses have registered offices, (or seats of business as this latter term may be defined in the law of any member state of the European Union) in a Deprived Area(s) located within, or contiguous to the boundaries of, Greater London.

16.2 For the purposes of this Agreement the figure of 10% referred to in Condition 16.1 has been calculated as a percentage of the Fee.

16.3 If requested by London Councils, from time to time, the Consultant will provide written evidence of its compliance with the target set out in Condition 16.1.

16.4 The Consultant acknowledges being aware generally of the European Union initiatives in matters of training skills and apprenticeship and more particularly with the requirements of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 in matters relating to the creation of Apprenticeships Frameworks and the issuing of Apprenticeships Certificates and the wider social issues relating thereto. In the event that this Agreement requires any particular education and/or skills training to be made available and/or undertaken as part of the Services, the Consultant will ensure that it is made available or undertaken. Where there is no such particular requirement, the Consultant is encouraged by London Councils to ensure that appropriate training and opportunities for education, including (if appropriate) the provision of Apprenticeships, is available to its employees.

16.5 The Consultant is encouraged to suggest economically viable methods of procuring the Services or the subject thereof which, if instructed by London Councils, may result in an improvement in environmental performance in the carrying out of the Services or the subject thereof.

17 Audit

17.1 During the course of the Services and for the Limitation Period, London Councils may conduct or be subject to an audit for the following purposes:

- (a) to verify the accuracy of the fees paid to the Consultant (and proposed or actual variations to it in accordance with this Agreement) and/or the costs of all suppliers (including sub-contractors) for the Services;
- (b) to review the integrity, confidentiality and security of any data relating to London Councils;
- (c) to review the Consultant's compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998 or any other applicable legislation;
- (d) to review any records created during the course of the Services;
- (e) to review any books of account kept by the Consultant in connection with the provision of the Services;
- (f) to carry out the audit and certification of London Councils' accounts;
- (g) to carry out an examination pursuant to any legislation applicable to the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which London Councils has used its resources; or
- (h) to verify the accuracy and completeness of any reports delivered or required by this Agreement.

17.2 Except where an audit is imposed on London Councils by a regulatory body, London Councils may not conduct an audit under this Condition 17 more than once in any calendar year.

17.3 London Councils will use its reasonable endeavours to ensure that the conduct of each audit does not unreasonably disrupt the Consultant or delay the provision of the Services.

17.4 Subject to London Councils' obligations of confidentiality, the Consultant must on demand provide London Councils and any relevant regulatory body (and/or their agents or representatives) with all reasonable co-operation and assistance in relation to each audit, including:

- (a) all information requested by the above persons within the permitted scope of the audit;
- (b) reasonable access to any sites controlled by the Consultant and to any equipment used (whether exclusively or non-exclusively) in the performance of the Services; and
- (c) access to the Consultant's personnel.

17.5 London Councils will endeavour to (but is not obliged to) provide at least 10 Working Days' notice of its or, where possible, a regulatory body's, intention to conduct an audit.

17.6 The parties agree that they will bear their own respective costs and expenses incurred in respect of compliance with their obligations under this Condition 17, unless the audit identifies a material failure of the Consultant to perform its obligations under this Agreement in which case the Consultant must reimburse London Councils for all London Councils' reasonable costs incurred in the course of the audit.

17.7 If an audit identifies that:

- (a) the Consultant has failed to perform its obligations under this Agreement in any material manner, the parties will agree and implement a remedial plan. If the Consultant's failure relates to a failure to provide any information to London Councils about the Consultant's fees, any interim payment or proposed further payment, the Consultant's costs or any proposed or actual variations, then the remedial plan will include a requirement for the provision of all such information;
- (b) London Councils has overpaid, the Consultant must pay to London Councils the amount overpaid within 15 Working Days. London Councils may deduct the relevant amount from the Fee if the Consultant fails to make this payment; and
- (c) London Councils has underpaid, London Councils will pay to the Consultant the amount of the underpayment less the cost of audit incurred by London Councils if this was due to a default by the Consultant in relation to invoicing within 15 Working Days.

18 Termination

18.1 London Councils may terminate the Consultant's engagement under this Agreement by written notice, such notice being effective immediately, in the event of any of the following occurrences:

- (a) if the Consultant refuses, or neglects, to execute the Services, or any part of them, or commits any breach of any obligation imposed upon it by this Agreement, or refuses, or neglects within a reasonable time to comply with any instructions given to it by the Authorised Officer;
- (b) if the Consultant refuses or neglects to comply with the Policies of London Councils, or any provisions of such policies, or commits any breach of any obligation imposed upon the Consultant by such policies, or refuses, or neglects within a reasonable time to comply with any instructions given to the Consultant by London Councils in regard to such Policies;
- (c) if the Consultant being an individual or a partnership has a petition for bankruptcy presented to the courts becomes bankrupt or makes a composition or arrangement with his creditors or has a proposal in respect of himself or his firm for a voluntary arrangement for a composition of debts or scheme of arrangement approved in accordance with the Insolvency Act 1986 as amended, by the Enterprise Act 2002, or where an application for bankruptcy is made against any individual partner of the firm, or where the partnership has a provisional liquidator receiver, or manager of its business duly appointed, or where the partnership is dissolved save for the purposes of bona fide reconstruction on terms acceptable to London Councils, or where a substantial change in the partners occurs;
- (d) if the Consultant being a company has an application made under the Insolvency Act 1986 as amended by the Enterprise Act 2002 in respect of its company to the court for the appointment of an administrator, or having a winding up order made, or a resolution passed (except for the purposes of amalgamation or reconstruction on terms acceptable to London Councils) for voluntary winding up, or having a provisional liquidator, receiver, or manager of its business, or undertaking duly appointed or having an administrative receiver as defined in the

Insolvency Act 1986 as amended, by the Enterprise Act 2002, appointed, or having possession taken by, or on behalf of, the holders of any debentures secured by a floating charge;

- (e) in the event of any substantial change in legal status, or of circumstances occurring which will materially affect the contractual relationship between the parties, or the rights of London Councils to sue, or otherwise recover monies due, or enforce any other right arising under this Agreement which for the purposes of this Agreement has not been agreed between the parties;
- (f) if at any time progress on any part of the Services appears to the Authorised Officer to be unnecessarily delayed by any cause within the reasonable control of the Consultant and such delay and the cause of it if capable of remedy is not remedied within 5 Working Days after an instruction in writing requiring the same is given to the Consultant by the Authorised Officer;
- (g) in the circumstances specified in Condition 13.3; or
- (h) in the circumstances specified in regulation 73(1) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

18.2 If London Councils at any time in its absolute discretion wishes to abandon, defer, delay, postpone or substantially modify the provision of the Services, London Councils may give written notice to terminate the Consultant's engagement or suspend the whole or any specified part of this Agreement with immediate effect.

18.3 If London Councils terminates the Consultant's engagement under Condition 18.2, London Councils will pay to the Consultant:

- (a) at the conclusion of any agreed Stage of the Services such sum as will have been agreed upon the execution of this Agreement to represent the consideration due for the completion of any such Stage; or
- (b) where no Stages have been defined, or in the event of termination at a time when any Stage is part performed by the Consultant, such proportion of the consideration for either the Services, or the part performed Stage of the Services, as the Authorised Officer, acting reasonably, determines represents a fair proportion of the consideration due to the Consultant, in accordance with the Order for the Services authorised by the Authorised Officer and performed by the Consultant.

18.4 Termination of the Consultant's engagement or completion of this Agreement will not prejudice any rights and remedies of London Councils and the Consultant that may have accrued before such termination, or completion, or prejudice the right of either party to recover any amount outstanding at such termination, or completion.

19 Construction projects

19.1 Where applicable, the Consultant will carry out and fulfil, in all respects, the duties of a 'designer' (and, if so indicated in the Order, as the 'principal designer') under the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015.

19.2 In the event that this Agreement constitute a contract to which the provisions of Part II of The Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996 apply, the following provisions of this Condition 19 will apply, but not otherwise.

19.3 Not later than 5 Working Days after the payment due date, either:

- (a) London Councils will give a notice to the Consultant, which confirms the following:
 - the sum that London Councils considers to be or to have been due at the payment due date in respect of the payment, and
 - the basis on which that sum is calculated; or
- (b) the Consultant will give a notice to London Councils confirming the following:
 - the sum that the Consultant considers to be or to have been due at the payment due date in respect of the payment, and
 - the basis on which that sum is calculated.

It is immaterial that the sum referred to in this Condition 19.3 may be zero.

19.4 Subject to Condition 19.5, if notice is not issued by London Councils pursuant to Condition 19.3(a) the Consultant may issue a notice pursuant to Condition 19.3(b) at any time after the date on which the notice referred to in Condition 19.3(a) is required to be given and where the Consultant gives a notice complying with Condition 19.3(b), the final date for payment of the sum specified in the notice is for all purposes to be regarded as postponed by the same number of days as the number of days after the date that the notice was given.

19.5 If the Consultant's invoice issued pursuant to Condition 3.2 complies with the provisions of Condition 19.3(b) then the Consultant may not give another such notice pursuant to Condition 19.3.

19.6 To the extent not already paid, London Councils must pay the notified sum on or before the final date for payment unless either:

- (a) it gives to the Consultant a notice of London Councils' intention to pay less than the notified sum specifying:
 - the sum that London Councils considers to be due on the date the notice is served, and
 - the basis on which that sum is calculated,

such notice must be given not later than 5 Working Days before the final date for payment and it is immaterial for the purposes of this Condition 19.6 that the sum referred to in such notice may be zero; or

- (b) the Consultant becomes insolvent not earlier than 5 Working Days before the final date for payment, in which event London Councils need not pay any sum due in respect of the payment.

19.7 If any dispute or difference arises under or in connection with this Agreement, which either party wishes to refer to adjudication, Part 1 of the Schedule to the Scheme for Construction Contracts (England and Wales) Regulations 1998 as amended by the Scheme for Construction Contracts (England and Wales) Regulations 1998 (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2011 will apply except that:

- (a) the nominating body will be the Technology and Construction Solicitors Association.

- (b) in the first sentence of paragraph 1(3) the word *briefly* are deleted and substituted by the words *in detail*.

- (c) paragraph 22 is deleted and substituted with the following:

The adjudicator must give a decision together with reasons therefor in writing and may award costs as part of the decision. Each party will be entitled to make written representations as to why it should not be allocated any portion of the costs flowing from the adjudicator's decision, and the adjudicator must take due consideration including giving reasons for his further determination in this regard. If no award as to costs is made by the adjudicator, the parties will bear the costs of the adjudication in equal shares.

- (d) a new paragraph 22A(5) is inserted as follows:

As part of the corrected decision, the adjudicator also has power to reassess his prior determination as to which party will be responsible for the costs flowing from his corrected decision.

20 Governing Law & Disputes

20.1 Except where Condition 19.7 applies, if any dispute arises out of this Agreement which cannot be amicably settled between the parties then the parties will attempt to settle such dispute by mediation in accordance with the Model Mediation Procedure published by the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution from time to time. Neither party will commence any court proceedings/litigation in relation to any dispute arising out of this Agreement until they have attempted to settle it by mediation and that mediation has terminated.

20.2 The Consultant will continue to perform its obligations (including, any Additional Services) even if any dispute resolution procedure has been invoked under this Condition 20 by either party.

20.3 This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the Laws of England and the parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Court



Contact: Caelan Knight
Email: caelan.knight@londoncouncils.gov.uk
Our reference: LCCE Toolkit
Date: 7 April 2025

Dear [name of consultancy or whom it may concern]

Invitation to quote for research and consultancy services

Quote title: LCCET London Councils Community Energy Toolkit

You are invited by London Councils to provide a written quote for the above project as described in the accompanying documentation. Your response to these requirements will form the basis of any contract that London Councils may place. For this purpose, we enclose the following documents.

The specification and instructions to bidders
Freedom of Information Schedule
Equal Opportunities questionnaire
London Councils terms and conditions

Written quotes together with the completed freedom of information schedule and the equal opportunities statement must be returned to London Councils by **Wednesday, 30th April 2025 15.00 HRS** as per the Instructions To Bidders.

Yours faithfully,

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Invitation to Quote for consultancy services

LC CET: London Councils Community Energy Toolkit (LC CET)

London Councils represents and champions London's 32 boroughs and the City of London, serving local communities, businesses and amplifying the voice of Londoners.

We are a cross-party organisation that works on behalf of all of our member authorities regardless of political persuasion.

We work with partners to deliver sustainable change, address inequalities and make London a fairer place for all.

We lobby for local governance for London boroughs, promoting their leadership of local communities and services and argue for the tools necessary for them to fully deliver on their role.

We also act as a catalyst for effective sharing of practice, knowledge, information and services between boroughs.

London Councils has agreed Shared Ambitions with its political leaders:

- Political leadership based on shared values – agenda setting, convening and telling London's story.
- A trusted partner for HMG, the GLA and other cities – working with local partners, businesses and the VCS.
- Focus pan-London efforts where they will add real value – leaving power as close as possible to Londoners through the boroughs.
- Championing innovation and leading practice – promoting collaboration and coalitions of the willing.

Accelerating London's delivery on net zero and adaptation through our Climate Programme is one of the major commitments in London Councils' Shared Ambitions. The Climate Programme is based on a Joint Statement agreed in 2019, with plans and deliverables for 2023/24 – 25/26 outlined in the Implementation Plan published in October 2023. The

Climate Programme consists of seven themes, covering key areas from retrofit, to adaptation, to the theme that this work sits under, Renewable Power for London (RP4L).

Renewable Power for London is led by the London Borough of Barnet and has a goal of securing 100% renewable power for the public sector now and in the future. The theme has four key workstreams: energy procurement, decentralised energy, energy system planning and community energy. The work proposed in this ITQ sits under the community energy workstream, which aims to support boroughs to work with community energy groups to accelerate the delivery of community energy projects in their boroughs. The Community Energy workstream is co-chaired by LB Newham and Community Energy London.



London Councils Community Energy Toolkit (LCCET)

Background

Community energy is an important element of the net zero transition for London. Not only could community energy projects produce enough solar energy to power 350,000 of London's homes (Clarke et al., 2024.) but community energy projects contribute several social benefits for Londoners, enabling a more socially equitable and just transition.

Recently, the role of community in the energy transition has been recognised in the Governments Local Power Plan. In London, community energy has also been recognised and supported by the Mayor of London, who established the London Community Energy Fund (LCEF) in 2017. LCEF has been key to the development of community energy in London after the end of the Feed-in tariff.

At the local level, London boroughs play a key role in supporting community energy groups and projects. Many boroughs have established their own community energy funds, and work in partnership with community energy groups to identify opportunities and deliver projects. Indeed, overall, there is strong support from politicians, climate officers and residents for community energy in London, and there is an increasing number of boroughs looking at ways to support the sector.

However, while the ambition to support community energy in London is strong, there is significant variation in the level of support provided by London boroughs to the community energy sector. Furthermore, there are significant procedural hurdles for officers supporting community energy, including legal issues, procurement regulations, energy procurement, lease agreements, working with different teams within boroughs, and establishing community-owned assets on publicly owned assets.

Although some resources exist (see: [Ainslie and Ahmed, 2023](#); Centre for Sustainable Energy and CAG Consultants, [forthcoming], [Devon County Council, \[no-date\]](#), [REScoop.eu & Energy Cities, 2022](#); [Solar UK, 2021](#)), boroughs lack detailed, practical tools that help them to overcome these procedural issues enable them to accelerate and scale delivery.

This hampers the efforts of boroughs to develop efficient processes to support the community energy sector, slowing delivery. It is also a barrier to boroughs who are yet to

initiate any support for community energy, who struggle to identify the right processes, secure buy-in and set up supporting mechanisms for community energy.

Aims

The aims of this project are:

- To enable London boroughs to scale and accelerate their support for the community energy sector in London by supporting them to overcome the procedural barriers to delivery.
- To make the case for community energy to officers within local authorities and to Government officials.
- To provide officers with a practical set of tools, resources and evidence that support their work on community energy. This will form the London Councils Community Energy Toolkit (LCCET).

Objectives

To meet the requirements of the users of this project, the commissioned partner will need to meet the following objectives.

- Make the high level, strategic case for community energy in London by collating existing evidence on its impact and the opportunity for London.
- Produce a toolkit that supports Borough officers to overcome the procedural barriers they encounter when supporting community energy. This should form a set of practical tools, templates and resources, hosted on the London Councils SharePoint or elsewhere.
- Showcase best practice and innovative examples of local authorities supporting community energy groups, with a focus on overcoming procedural and regulatory barriers, and scaling delivery.
- Enhance coordination and collaboration within and between the London boroughs on community energy, helping to establish a community of practice.
- Enhance collaboration between local authorities and community energy groups.
- The LCCET should focus on the issues faced by London boroughs. However, we foresee that many issues will be shared by local authorities across the country and would welcome sharing the Toolkit with local authorities outside of London.
- The appointee should engage community energy groups on the development of the toolkit. If the consultant does not have experience working on community energy projects, they may want to also work in collaboration with a community energy group to provide first-hand experience and insight.
- The appointee should work with London Councils to engage teams across the London boroughs, including housing and estates teams, legal teams, procurement teams and others, to develop the LCCET.
- Approach the development of the LCCET with a holistic understanding of community energy, including energy generation as well as demand reduction and energy advice.
- The LCCET should aim to cover the following key issues for London boroughs, along with any further issues encountered through engagement with officers. This should be considered a longlist of issues that we would like to cover through the programme. We foresee the need to refine these through further engagement with boroughs during the project.

- **Mechanisms for leveraging funding and finance** to support projects / develop delivery models, including bonds, community share offers, business share offers etc. Community energy funds: including examples of how to set up a community energy fund,
- **Business models**, including the different approaches and models employed by local authorities to support community energy.
- **Multi-borough collaboration** to scale delivery and support an eco-system of community energy across the city. This could include aggregation of community energy projects to scale delivery and access financing.
- **Securing buy-in across the local authority**, including with legal and procurement teams, estates teams, regen and housing teams, asset managers and others. This could include how to communicate about community energy to different teams within the borough.
- **Procurement:**
 - Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) - developing routes, including legal templates, for community energy groups to supply local authorities with energy through PPAs.
 - How to work effectively with procurement teams and within public sector procurement rules to enable community energy groups to deliver schemes. For example, directly awarding contracts to community energy groups.
- **Equity considerations**, including the diversity of groups that are supported and the demographic makeup of those groups.
- **Different building types**, including social housing, libraries, leisure centres, schools, listed buildings etc. The potential benefits, risks, questions to assess throughout the process for different building types. Site selection and engagement with different building users, including publicly owned assets.
- **Lease agreements**, including example heads of terms, different building types and tenures.
- **Planning:** specific support and guidance developed for planning authorities to help accelerate the deployment of community energy. For example, developing Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) that supports community energy.
- **Risk management.** For example, approaches to risk management regarding collaboration between local government and community energy.
- **Enabling the community energy sector within your borough.** This is particularly important for boroughs where there are fewer established groups, and should look at how boroughs can encourage the establishment of more groups, as well as more diverse groups in terms of their demographic make-up and the kinds of community energy projects they delivery
- **Ways of working.** E.g. examples of different principles for working with community energy groups.

Relevant Parties

The list of relevant parties for this work is as below:

- Commissioning organisation – London Councils
- Renewable Power for London lead borough: London Borough of Barnet

- Community Energy workstream co-leads: London Borough of Newham and Community Energy London
- The 32 London boroughs and the City of London Corporation
- GLA
- London's community energy groups

London Councils will support the consultant with engaging the relevant parties to this commission.

Outputs

We require the following outputs from the project:

Project management:

- An inception meeting to agree a detailed approach to meet the project aims, establish a project schedule to reflect the duration of tasks and input required from the relevant parties at the different stages of the work.
- Fortnightly check-in meetings to discuss progress of the deliverables.
- Attendance at monthly Community Energy Working Group meetings. These meetings are attended by London borough officers working on community energy. This Working Group will advise the appointed consultant on the development of the toolkit content.
- The consultant can propose meetings with any of the listed relevant parties as necessary to gather inputs.

Audience engagement:

- Facilitation of a stakeholder workshop to engage borough officers (and potentially other stakeholders) to understand their requirements and preferences for the toolkit and to seek input on how to ensure the outputs meet officers' use cases. This should occur within the first month of the projects' inception. This workshop will help add further definition to the scope of the Toolkit and the support provided, including further refinement of the 'longlist' of issues mentioned in the project objectives.
- As mentioned above, ongoing engagement with the Community Energy Working Group will provide insight into the user requirements of the LCCET.

Workshop series:

- A series of in-person and / or hybrid workshops with London borough community energy officers on the key issues and processes related to local authority support for community energy. Each workshop will focus on a different issue/s for officers, and would be co-led with an experienced practitioner/s, such as a borough officer, community energy group, expert speakers etc. The focus should be on action-learning and co-creation of solutions to these common issues.

- Note, these workshops will sometimes subsume the Community Energy Working Group. Whenever a workshop is planned for a given month, an additional Community Energy Working Group won't be planned.

A draft Toolkit shared with London Councils and the Community Energy Working Group for review and comment, providing 2 weeks for comments to be collated by London Councils and provided to the appointee.

A final, London Councils Community Energy Toolkit (LCCET), published on the London Councils SharePoint. This should include:

- A high-level summary, forming the introduction to the LCCET, of the opportunity and case for community energy in London. This should summarise the case for London boroughs supporting community energy and the opportunity for community energy in London to support the Government's missions.
- A set of tools and resources that support Borough officers to overcome the procedural barriers they encounter when supporting community energy. Step-by-step guides, process flowcharts, FAQ, and template documents detailing the how of local authority community energy support and development. This toolkit will include both novel and day-to-day operational processes, so that it is a useful resource for boroughs at different levels of ambition and maturity in terms of community energy.
- A set of detailed case studies which showcase best practice and innovation for local authorities when supporting community energy. This can include but is not limited to write-ups from the case study workshops outlined in the previous deliverable, which detail the steps needed, processes, lessons learned, examples, etc. for various aspects and elements of the case study.

London Councils Community Energy Toolkit launch event:

- A launch event for the LCCET which showcases the content to officers and key stakeholders.

Audience and use cases

Some examples of the immediate intended audiences and use cases for the LCCET are:

- London borough officers working to implement community energy projects:
 - Use the procedural tools and templates within the toolkit to help improve support for community energy within their local authority.
 - Attend workshops to learn from peers and to co-design solutions to common issues.
 - Use the high-level strategic case for community energy to make the case to different teams within the local authority, to politicians and to engage residents.
- Energy, growth, environment and climate officers:
 - Use the procedural tools and strategic case to further embed community energy within decarbonisation and regeneration plans within the borough.

- Housing and corporate property / estates officers:
 - Use the strategic case to understand the value of community energy.
 - Overcome procedural barriers to local authorities working with community energy groups on their own estate.
- Finance, procurement and legal officers:
 - Use the procedural tools and workshops to develop approaches to common barriers to community energy procurement, including PPAs, lease agreements, the use of council assets.
- Elected members, including portfolio holders for climate, housing and regeneration:
 - Use the strategic case to understand the value of community energy.

Some examples of the secondary intended audiences and use case for the LCCET are:

- Community energy groups:
 - Benefit from improved processes developed through the LCCET.
 - Use the strategic case to engage local authorities on community energy.
- Government officials, including DESNZ officials:
 - Understand the strategic case for community energy in London.

Methodology

We are interested in receiving proposals that demonstrate elements of critical thinking, a creative approach and an awareness of the issues likely to arise. The approach should demonstrate a robust framework for achieving the project requirements outlined above. We do not wish to constrain the project design used by the successful bidder.

Bidders will be expected to present their proposed approach in detail.

Project Costs and Timetable

The maximum budget available for this work is £40,000.

Costs should be clearly presented and be inclusive of all fees, direct and indirect costs, expenses but is exclusive of VAT. An example of a clear cost structure is provided in Annex 2.

You should indicate based on the timings below how you would envisage the project progressing based on your suggested methodology:

Activity	Date
Issuing of Invitation to Quote	Monday 7 April
Deadline for receiving quote	Wednesday 30 April
Evaluation of bids	W/c 5 May

Bidder appointed	W/c 5 May
Inception meeting	W/c 12 May
Inception report	W/c 19 May

Reporting Procedures and Project Management

The project manager for this assignment is Caelan Knight, Climate Change Project Officer at London Councils (caelan.knight@londoncouncils.gov.uk).

Work on the project will be managed through regular project team meetings, which will take place on at least a fortnightly basis and be used to review progress against the project plan.

London Councils and the Renewable Power for London Steering Group expect to comment on the deliverables and all draft reports, and this should be reflected in your cost and time schedule.

Final reports may be distributed internally and to key external stakeholders and made available on our website. All reports should be written in good plainly written English and will need to conform to our house style.

Timeline summarising deliverables and timelines for completion. The consultant can propose dates against the key milestones sequentially listed below:

Deliverable	Date
Inception note to outline the research approach and schedule.	W/c 19 May
Facilitation of a stakeholder workshop to engage borough officers (and potentially other stakeholders) to understand their requirements and preferences for the toolkit and to seek input on how to ensure the outputs meet officers' use cases.	W/c 26 June
LCCET development and workshop series	May – September
A draft Toolkit shared with London Councils and the Community Energy Working Group for review and comment, providing 2 weeks for comments to be collated by London Councils and provided to the appointee.	September
A final, London Councils Community Energy Toolkit (LCCET), published on the London Councils SharePoint.	October
London Councils Community Energy Toolkit (LCCET) launch event.	October

Quote Requirements

Bidders should provide the following information in their quote:

- a. The size and nature of your organisation and your experience of directly relevant projects
- b. Your understanding of the aims and objectives of the research and how it interacts with the current policy context
- c. Proposed methodology and approach – including justification for approach
- d. An outline of all outputs from the research project
- e. Experience of team members, their role on the project and tasks (CVs should be included separately in an annex, max 2 pages each)
- f. Arrangements for project management, reporting and quality control, including a GDPR compliant Data Protection Policy.
- g. Research timetable with key milestones, including any risks that may affect the timing or delivery of outputs and contingencies
- h. Clear structure of charges including day/hour rates, time spent on tasks, expenses. VAT will be paid at the applicable rate (an example of a clear cost structure is given in annex 2).

We will evaluate your response against the evaluation criteria given below.

Evaluation criteria	Weighting
1. Understanding of the aims and objectives of the project, the policy context and key issues.	20%
2. The consultant's / team's experience of providing relevant expert support on community energy and local authorities.	20%
3. A clear methodology and approach that meets the project aims and objectives.	25%
4. Clear project planning that shows key tasks and phases of the project and ability to meet deadlines, and a completed risk register.	15%
5. Price.	20%

Format of Quote Response

If you wish to apply, an electronic copy of your quote response should be sent by email to caelan.knight@londoncouncils.gov.uk quoting reference number LCCET to arrive by **Noon, Wednesday 30 April 2025. Bidders should ensure that they have received a confirmation email of receipt of quote by the deadline.** If this is not obtained, London Councils cannot guarantee that your bid has been received/will be evaluated. If an email response is not received from us by or shortly after the deadline, it may be that the bid email has been caught by spam filters. In this instance it is the bidder's responsibility to ensure follow-up by phone if necessary, to check receipt. All documents should be provided in **MS Word** format and as standalone documents/attachments, rather than as embedded documents or hyperlinks.

If necessary, you may seek clarification on the procurement process or the specification by contacting Caelan Knight, caelan.knight@londoncouncils.gov.uk. Enquiries will not be answered if received within **3 days** of the date for submissions of quotes. Bidders should note that responses to each enquiry will be copied to all organisations bidding via distribution of a query log (though will not identify the originator of the enquiry).

If you are aware that the submission of your quote may give rise to a potential conflict of interest, please inform the officer to whom you are making the application.

Full instructions to bidders are also provided in Annex One. Bidders are advised to read all instructions before submitting their quote.

Freedom of Information Act

You should be aware that the information you submit may be subject to a request for information. The provision of any information to external parties by London Councils is determined by statutory conditions provided for in the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Equality Opportunities

The successful contractor will be required to comply with London Councils Equal Opportunity Policy and bidders should complete the Equal Opportunities Questionnaire with their quote submission.

Terms and Conditions

London Councils does not accept bidders' terms and conditions. Please see accompanying terms and conditions and confirm acceptance in your submission

Data protection and GDPR

For clarification under GDPR requirements for the purpose of this project, London Councils will receive only anonymised and unidentifiable data from the research activity. This confirms that the successful bidder is the data controller and processor. Bidders should include their GDPR compliant data protection policy as part of their submission.

Annex One: Instructions to bidders

1. Quote Submissions

- 1.1 All pages of the bidder's quote should be sequentially numbered (including any annexes and supporting documents) and provided in Word format.
- 1.2 Bidders are advised to submit quotes email to caelan.knight@londoncouncils.gov.uk quoting reference Cxxxxx.
- 1.3 The quote must not arrive later than the date and time stipulated. Quotes received after that time may not be considered unless the bidder can prove that the quote was dispatched in sufficient time to meet the deadline.
- 1.4 By submitting a quote, the bidder agrees to keep that quote open for acceptance by London Councils for 90 days following the closing date.
- 1.5 London Councils does not accept suppliers' Terms and Conditions.

2. Amendments to Quote Documents

- 2.1 Prior to the deadline, London Councils may modify the quote documents by amendments in writing. London Councils may extend the deadline for quotes to allow for significant amendments to be fully assessed and taken into account.
- 2.2 The bidder may modify the quote prior to the deadline for receipt by giving notice in writing or by email.
- 2.3 No quote may be modified after the deadline for receipt.
- 2.4 The contractor may not transfer, assign or sublet the contract, or any part thereof, without the prior written consent of London Councils. If such consent is given the contractor will remain liable for the performance of the contract in its entirety as if such assignment or sublet had not taken place.

3. Quote Charges

- 3.1 Charges must be in pounds sterling and be inclusive of all costs but can be exclusive of VAT.
- 3.2 Charges shall be fixed for the duration of the Contract and will not be subject to any variation unless detailed in the Contract document.
- 3.3 London Councils shall not be liable for any costs incurred in the production of the quote submission.

4. Quote Evaluations

- 4.1 London Councils intends to commission the most economically advantageous quote and reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any quote.
- 4.2 London Councils does not bind itself to accept the lowest charged quote.
- 4.3 London Councils reserves the right to change the timing or any other aspect of the procurement process or to cancel the procurement process at any stage without prior notice.

5. Intellectual property rights

- 5.1 All information provided by London Councils shall be treated by the Contractor as confidential except where prior written consent has been given by London Councils that such information may be disclosed. The dissemination of information within your organisation should be on a need-to-know basis.
- 5.2 All intellectual property rights arising from the work will reside with London Councils.

6. Data Protection

- 6.1 To note the requirements specifically as they apply to personal data and that London Councils has carried out a DPIA and a full assessment of GDPR obligations are clearly defined between the Data Controller and the Data Processor in the attached contract.