

# E-Procurement

# How to respond to a tender

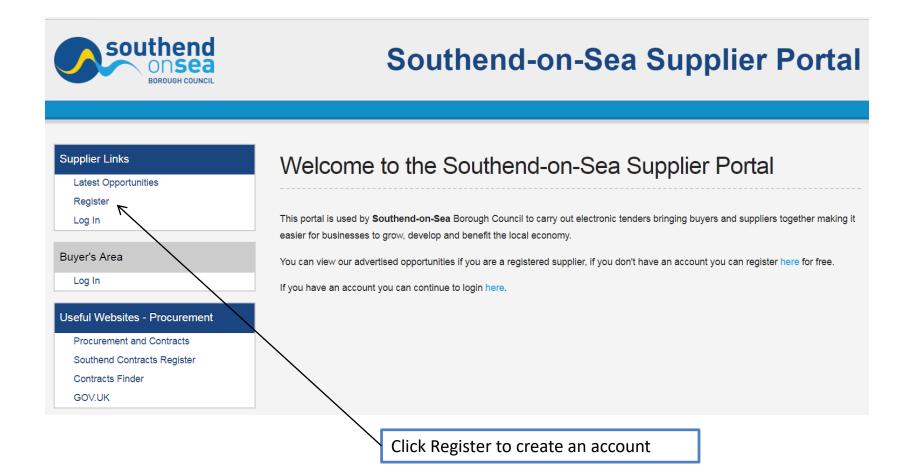
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This guide is intended to support you through responding to a tender opportunity with Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

### It covers the following areas:

- How to Register
- Logging on
- Managing your Account
- How to search for opportunities
- How to respond to a tender
- Submitting your response
- Raising Questions
- How to get back to a started response
- How to amend a submitted response
- Where to go for help

## https://procurement.southend.gov.uk



Register free with ProContract
Begin your ProContract supplier account registration by filling in a few details below.
Organisation name ②
Email address
By clicking 'Continue registration', you agree to the Terms and Conditions & Privacy policy.
Continue registration
Already registered? Log in here

#### Why should I register with ProContact?

Registration is free and your company profile will be immediately available for opportunities managed by over 30,000 buyers from over 400 private, public sector and 3rd sector organisations.

#### What happens next?

Once we have verified your company name and email address you will be asked to complete a short registration process including basic company details and contact information. Upon submission, your registration application will be reviewed by the ProContract team and you will be sent an email address confirming next steps.

#### Do I receive opportunity alerts?

Following successful registration, as part of your company profile you can stipulate your preferred opportunity areas of interest along with geographical locations to which you can supply your goods & services. Overnight, your interests will be matched against the latest published opportunities and you will be notified by email. The email will contain links to review, and if you wish, express your interest in each of the opportunities.

Date: 19 March 2019 at 12:52:03 GMT

To:

Subject: PROACTIS ProContract Supplier Registration - Email Verification Required

Dear

To complete your application to join the PROACTIS ProContract supplier portal you must confirm your email address by clicking here.

Until this action has been completed you will not be able to login and buyers will be unaware of your company profile.

Note: You are receiving this email as your email address was used to sign up to the PROACTIS ProContract supplier portal. If you did

http://www.proactis.com/support

From: "ProContract Notifications" procontract-notifications@due-north.com>

Date: 19 March 2019 at 12:52:03 GMT

To:

Subject: User account created - Login details for ProContract

Dear

Your user account has been created for ProContract.

Please find below a reminder of your username which you will need to access ProContract:

Username:

You can access ProContract now by clicking on the following link: https://procontract.due-north.com/

Please Note: If you are a supplier you must login to your account and select your preferred areas o part of the ProContract family.

If you are a supplier that requires support:

Log a ticket on the Supplier Support Portal

Alternatively please email ProContractSuppliers@proactis.com for ProContract Supplier Support

If you are a PROACTIS customer that requires support:

Login to the PROACTIS Support Portal

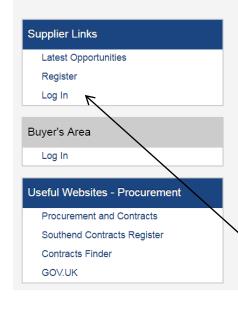
If you don't have a login, please email helpdesk@proactis.com

The system will send you an email, to confirm you email address and then you will get a login email

Logging On



## **Southend-on-Sea Supplier Portal**



### Welcome to the Southend-on-Sea Supplier Portal

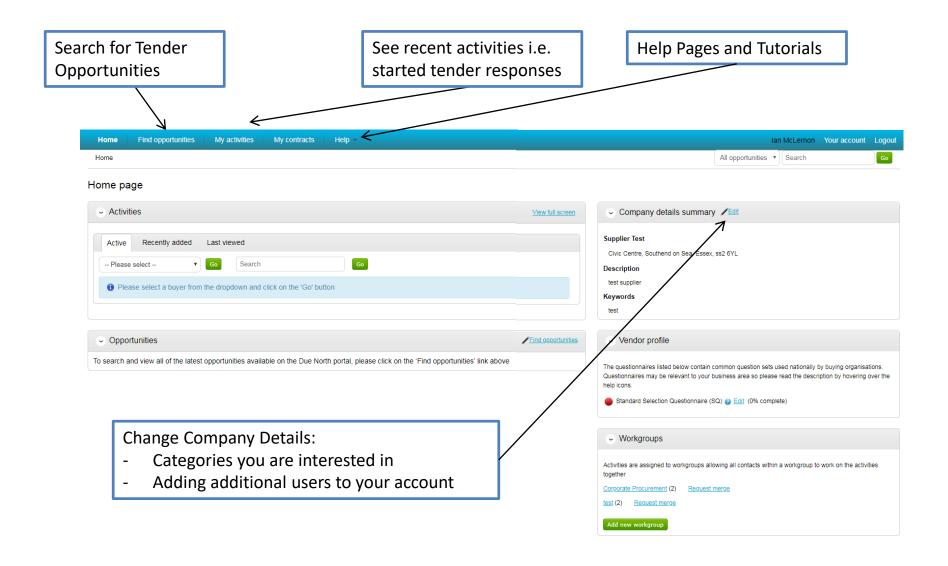
This portal is used by **Southend-on-Sea** Borough Council to carry out electronic tenders bringing buyers and suppliers together making it easier for businesses to grow, develop and benefit the local economy.

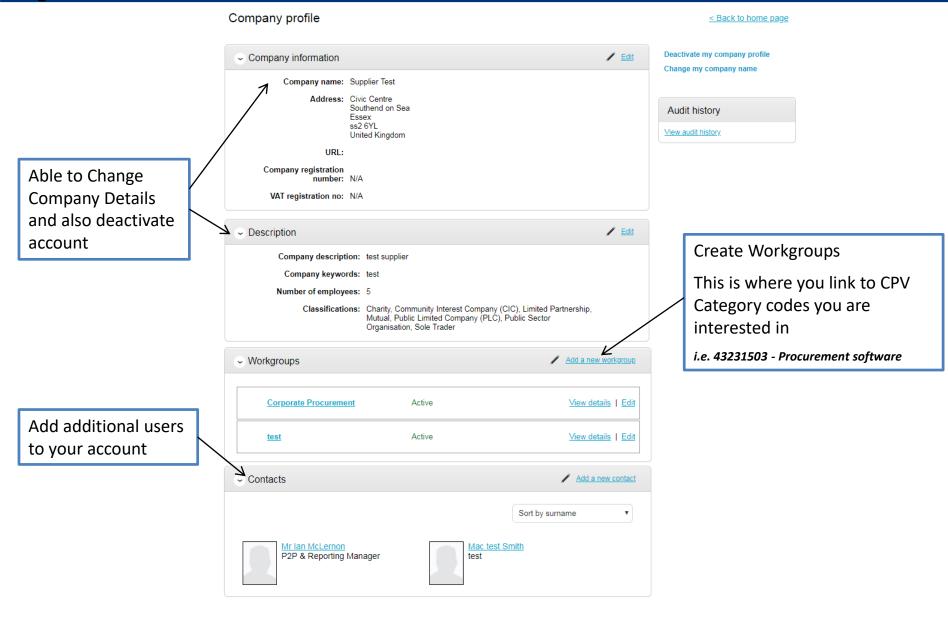
You can view our advertised opportunities if you are a registered supplier, if you don't have an account you can register here for free.

If you have an account you can continue to login here.

Click Login in the Supplier Links to Access the System

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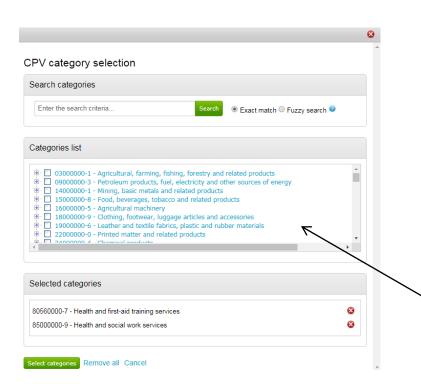


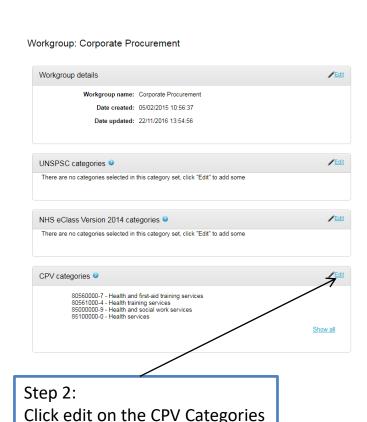


Workgroups are a way of managing areas that you are interested in being notified of opportunities. This allows for you to split these notifications to relevant sections of your company as you see fit

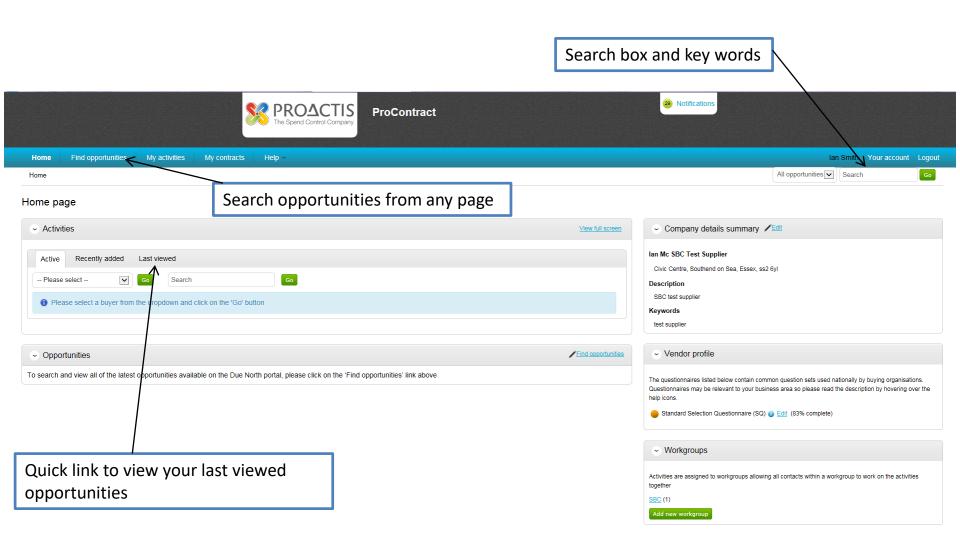


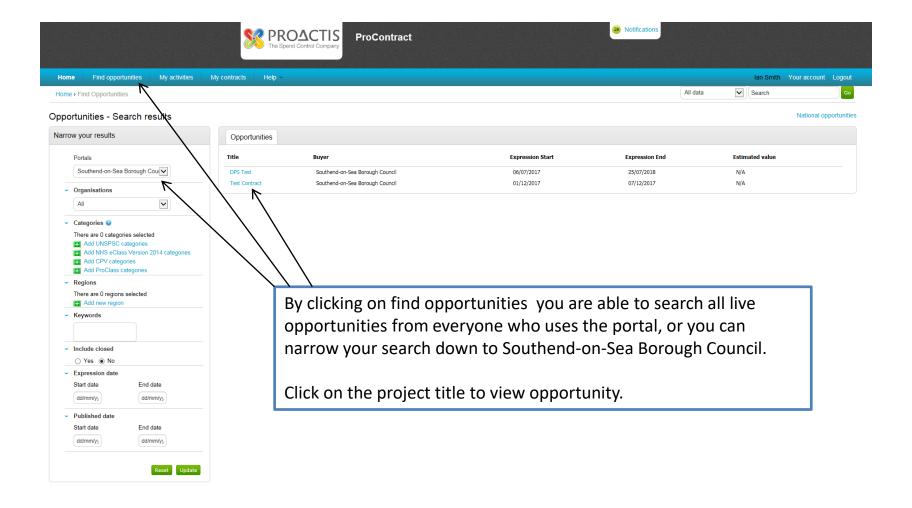
Step 1: Decide how many workgroups you want Click Add to Create or Edit to amend



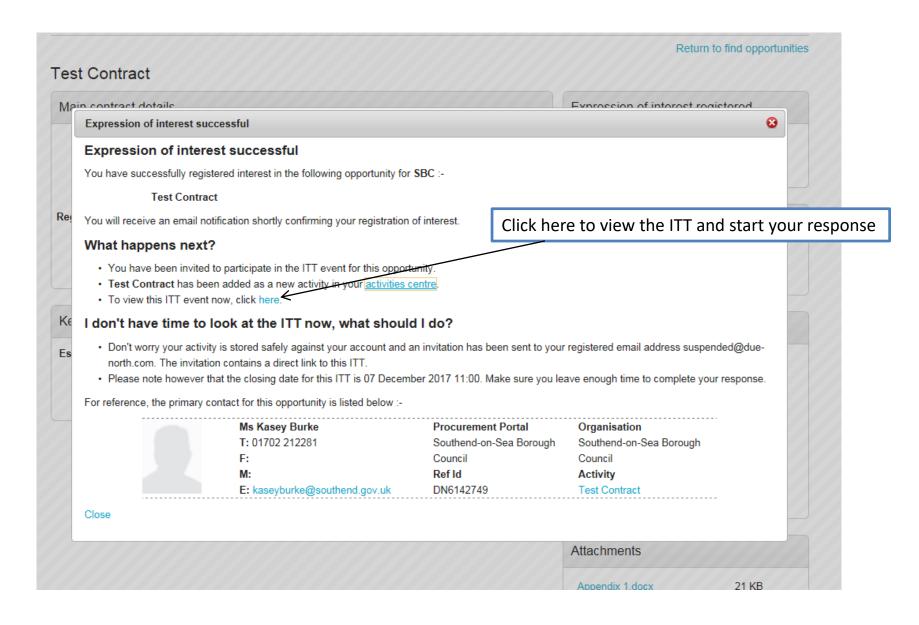


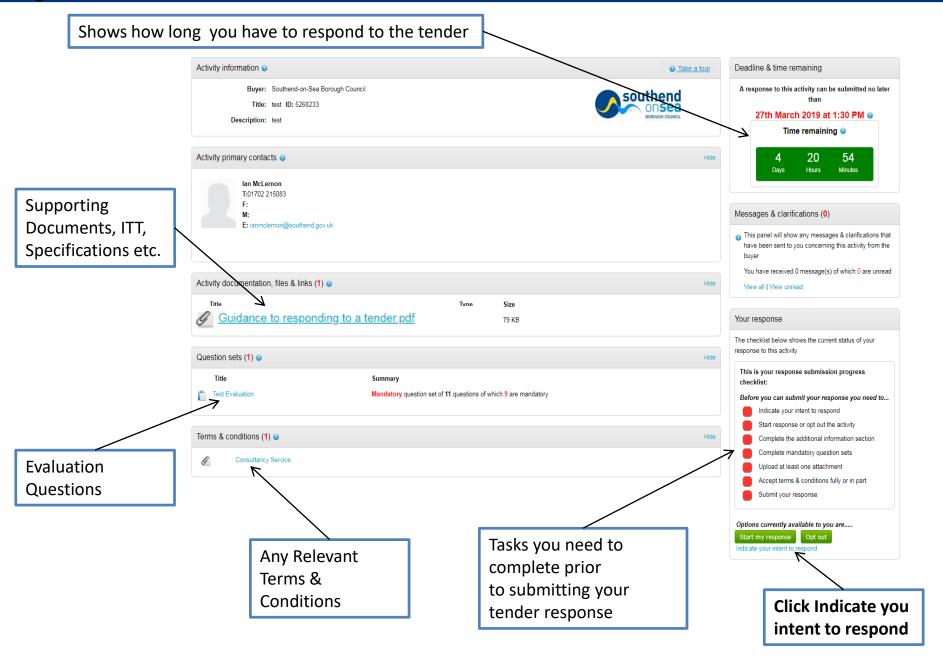
Step 3: Search and Select the Categories you are interested in

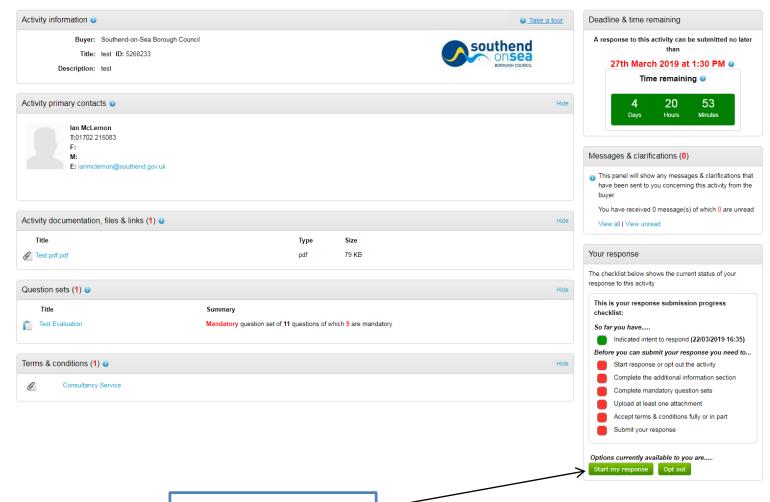




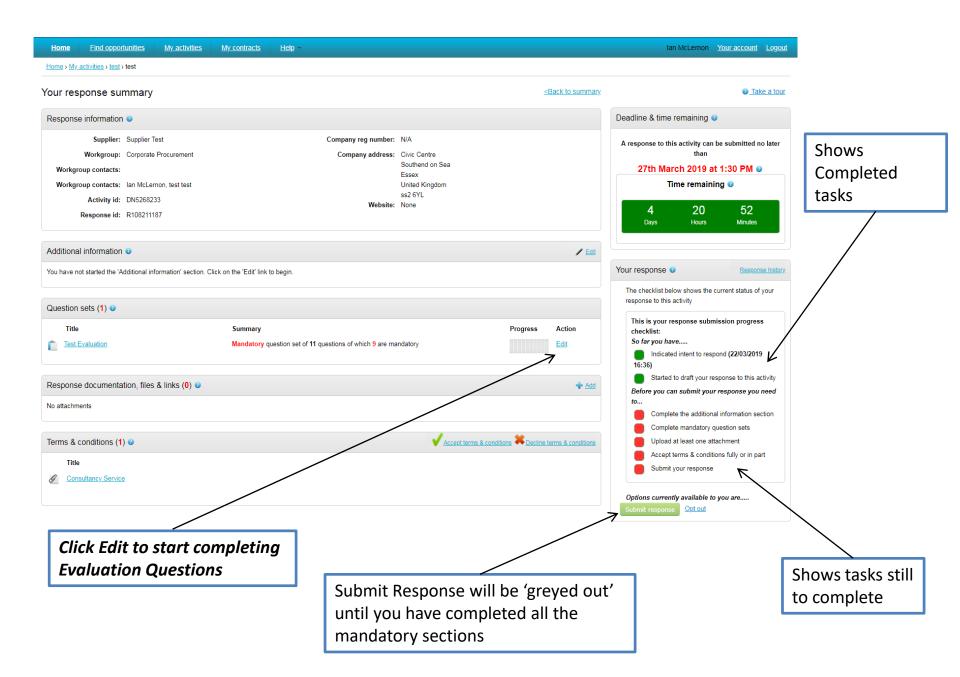
Click to register your interest and start your response. Return to find opportunities **Test Contract** Main contract details Expression of interest window From 01/12/2017 09:35 to 07/12/2017 11:00 Opportunity Id DN6142749 Title Test Contract Register interest in this opportunity Categories 85000000-9 - Health and social work services **Description** Test Contract Contact details Region(s) of supply Southend-on-Sea Estimated value N/A Buyer Southend-on-Sea Borough Keywords Test Council Contact Kasey Burke Email kaseyburke@southend.gov.uk Telephone 01702 212281 Key dates Address Civic Centre Southend-on-Sea Estimated contract dates Essex End date 31/12/2018 Start date 31/01/2018 SS2 6YL United Kingdom Attachments Appendix 1.docx 21 KB Documents may not always be available at this point. Appendix 2.docx 38 KB If they aren't you will have to register your interest ITT Document.docx 151 KB to view them.

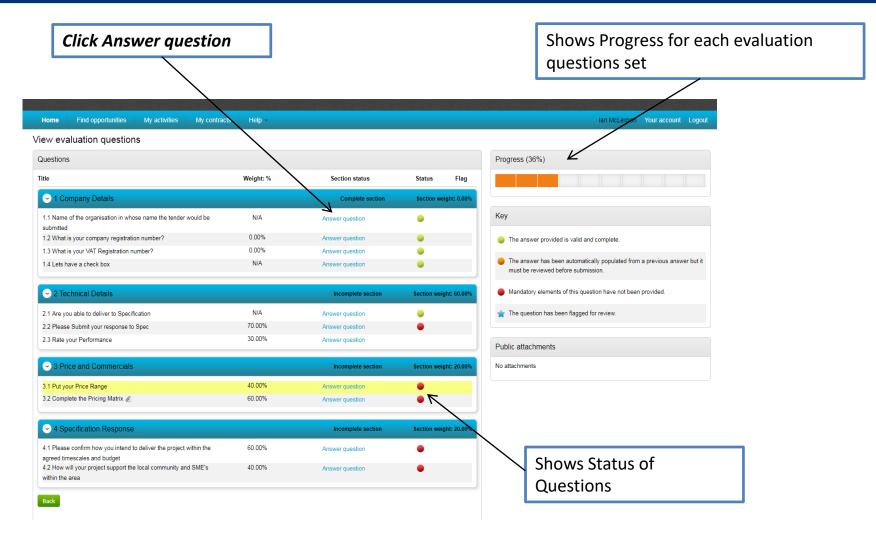




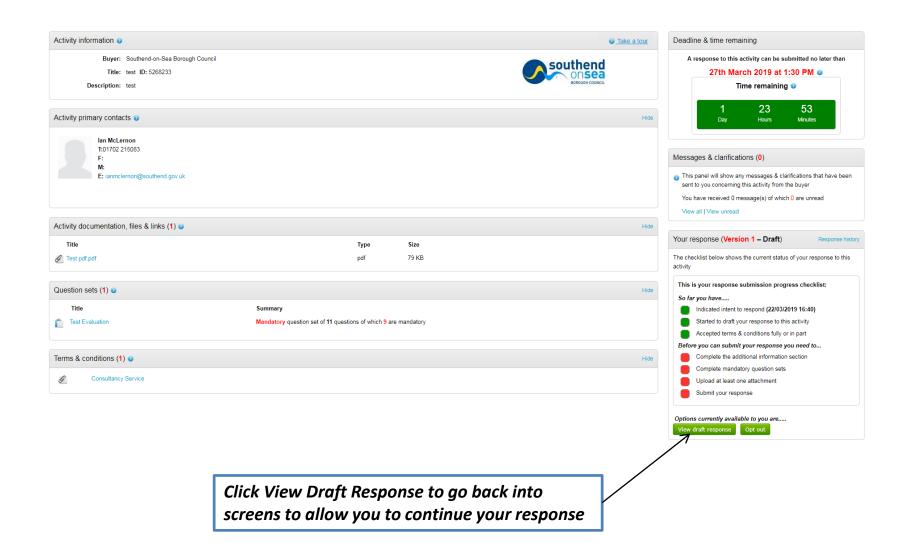


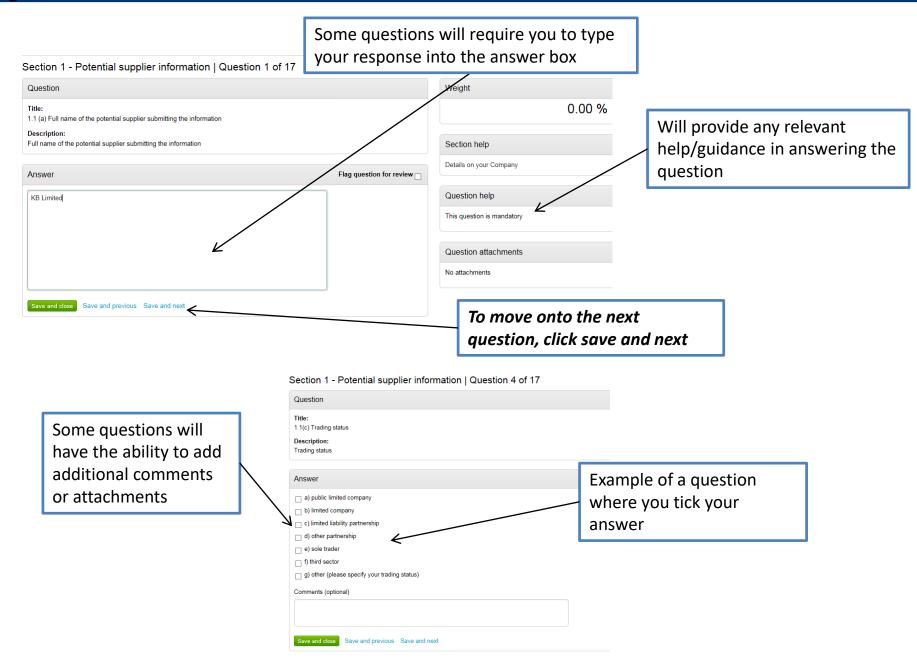
Click Start My Response

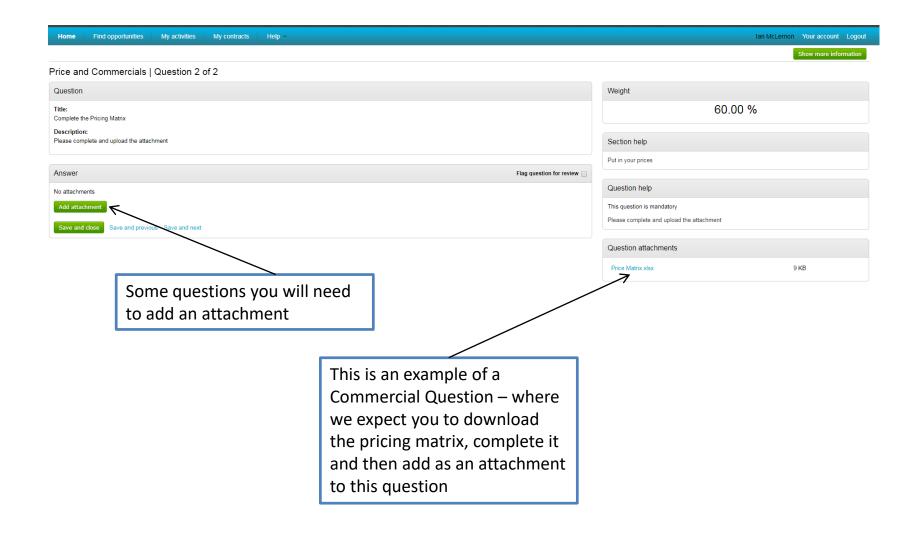


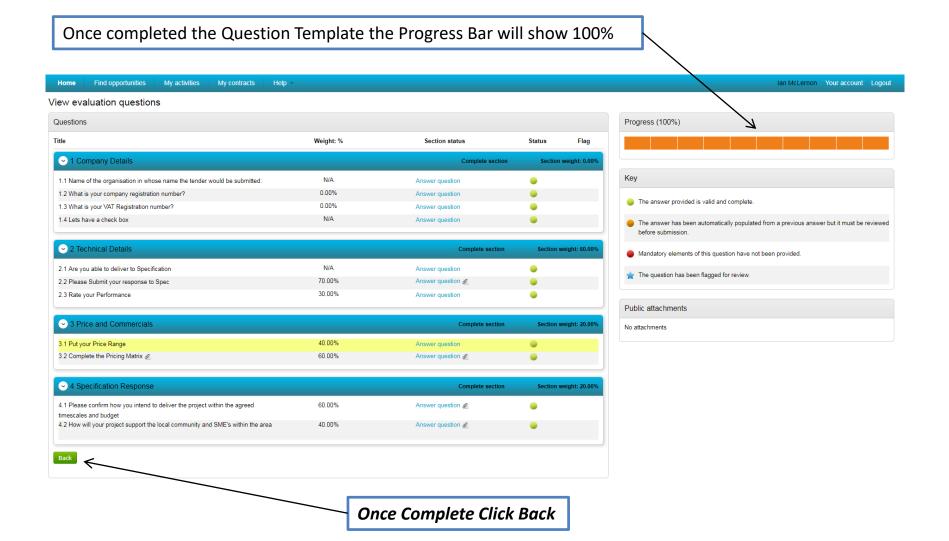


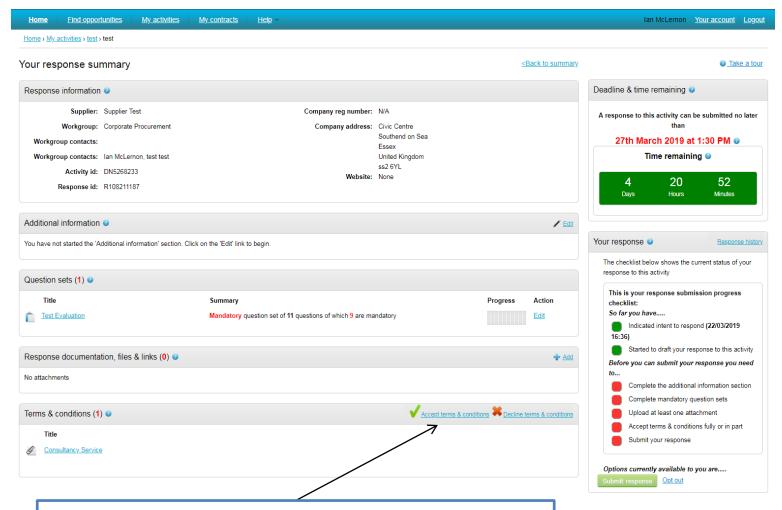
If you don't complete your response in one go, it will be saved as a draft response







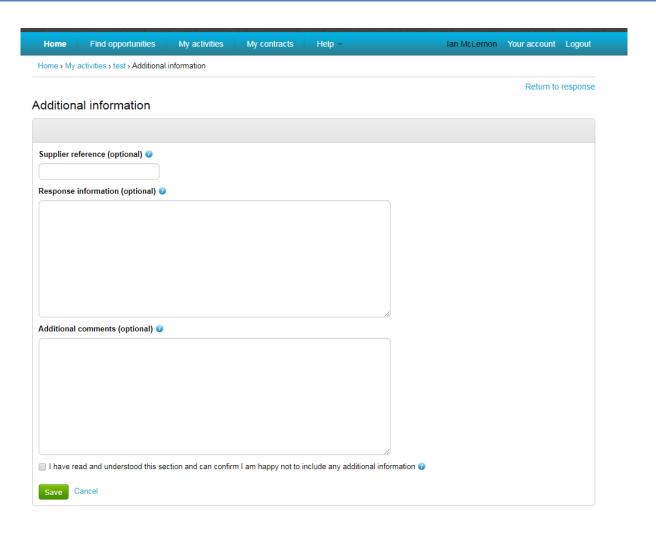




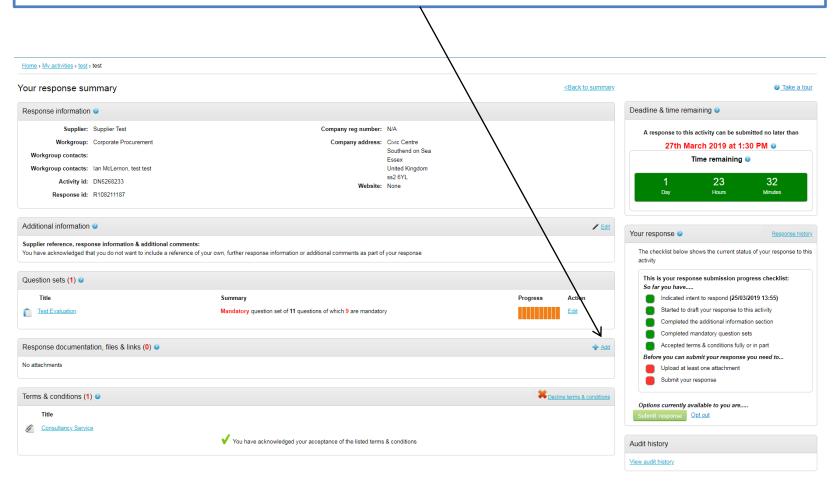
Any Terms and Conditions Specific to the tender will be attached – these must be accepted, either fully or in part

Additional Information allows you to add any further comments, your own unique reference

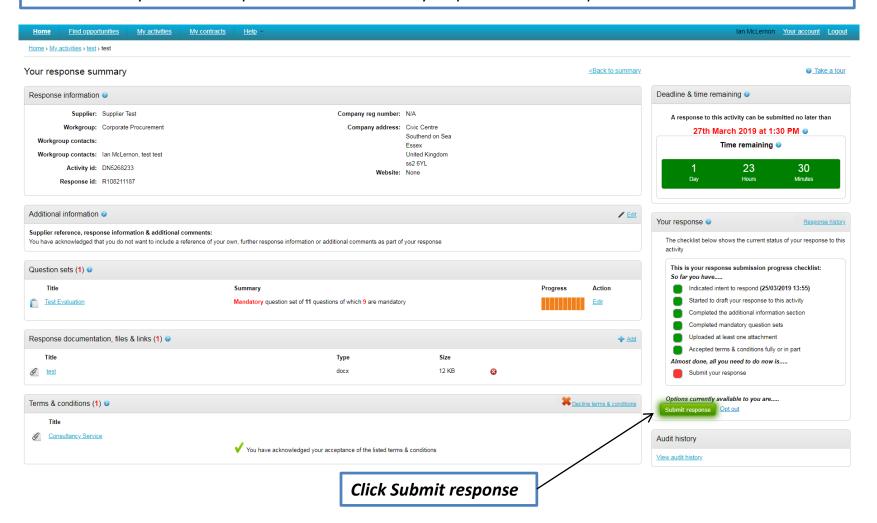
Please do not put anything that relates to the Evaluation Questions in this section as it will not be scored or evaluated



If the tender is requiring you to 'upload at least one attachment' use the Response Documentation, File & Links to attach by *clicking ADD* 



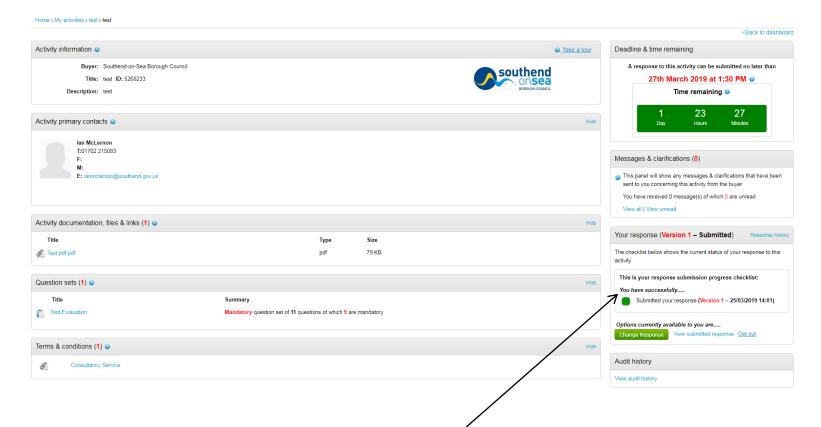
When you have completed all the mandatory steps the submit response but will be available



Note: until you click submit response your tender has not be submitted. You will not be able to submit any tender response after the dead-line

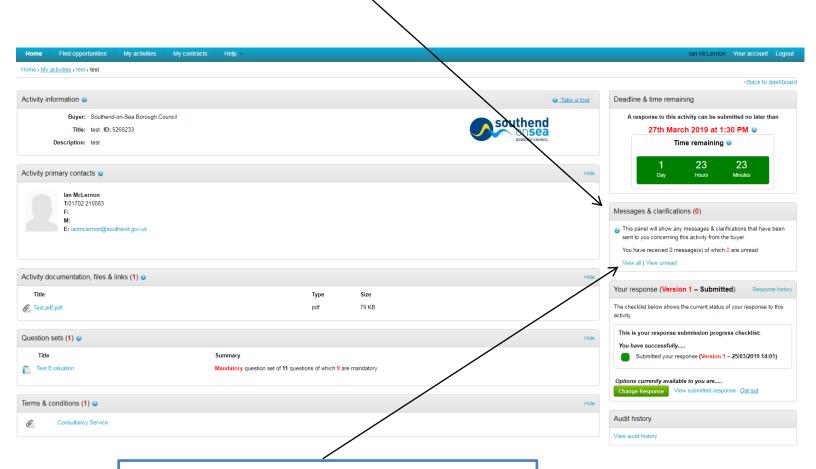


When you click submit response you will have a pop up window to confirm you want to submit your response

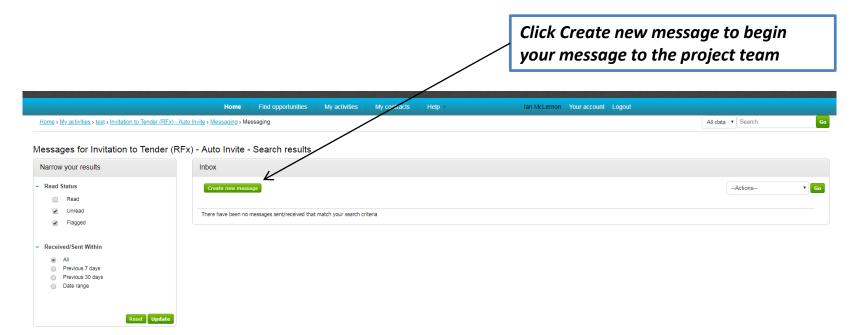


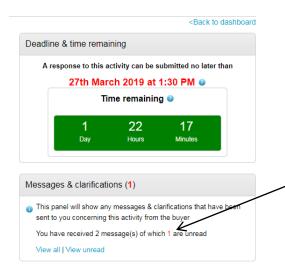
Check that it says that you have submitted your response and gives you a version and date and time. If you don't see this you have not submitted and therefore your tender will not be evaluated

You may need to raise a clarification question, prior to responding to the tender opportunity. This is achieved via Messages & clarifications

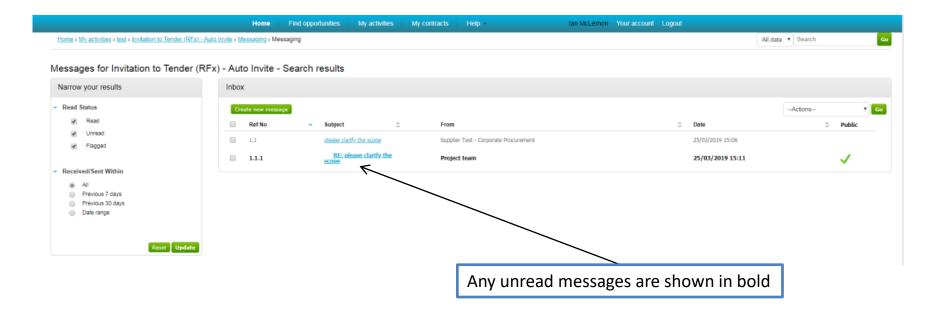


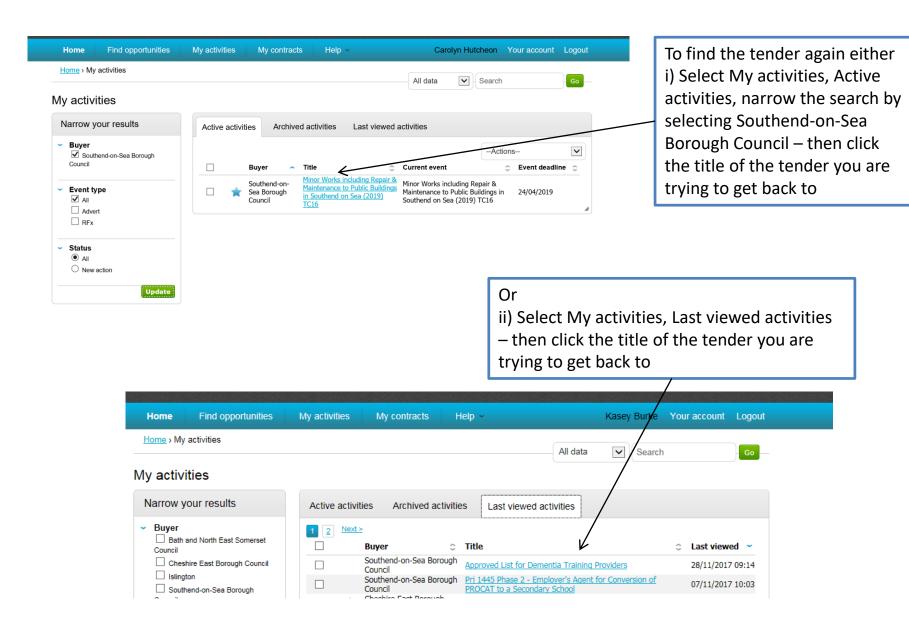
Click View all to enter the messaging functionality





When there is a message sent to you, the system will send an email notification. You must come back into the system and use the messages & clarifications to view. It will show you any that are unread

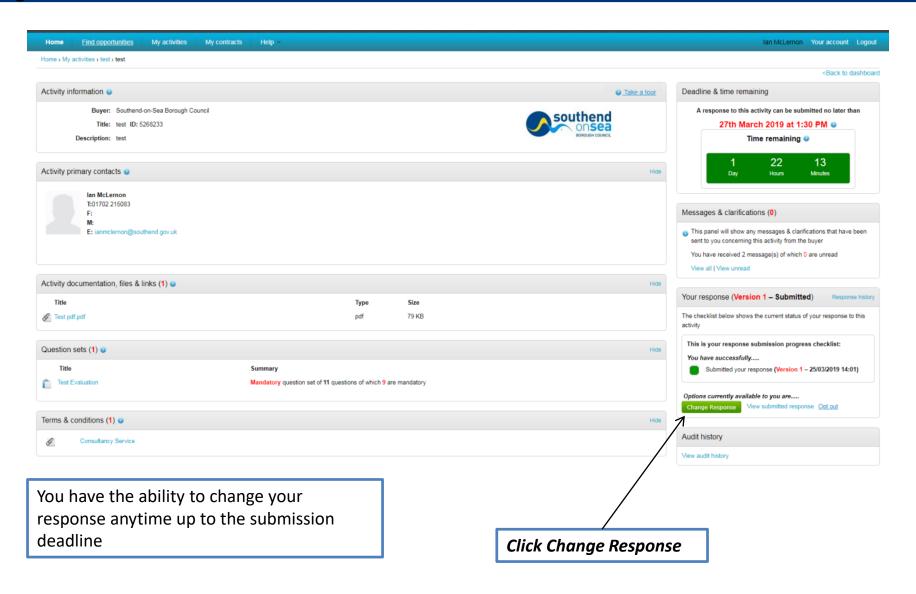




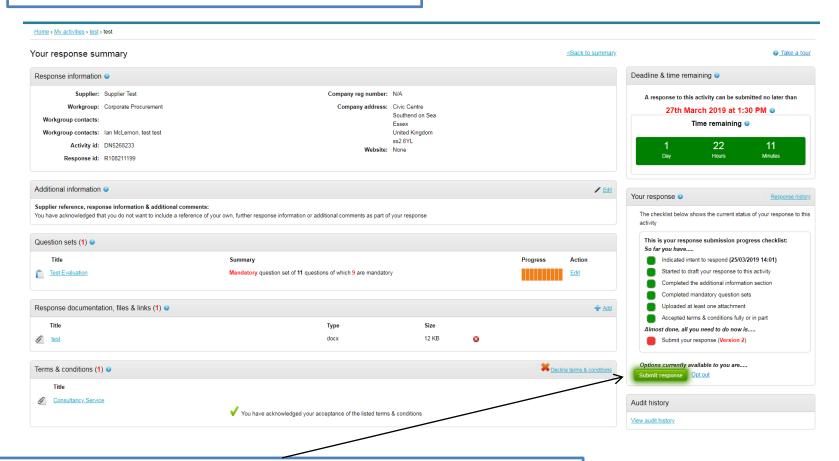
#### Activity: Test Contract



To view or amend your response click open in the submitted box

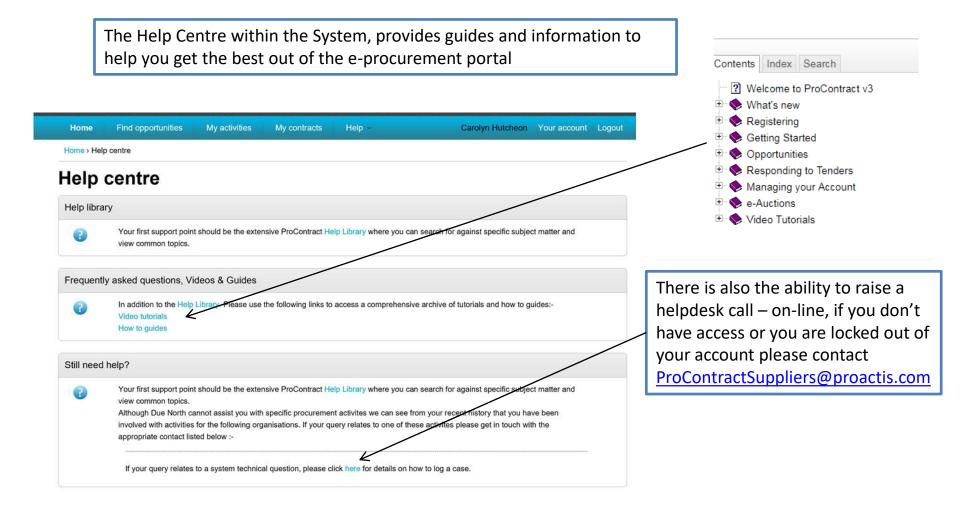


You can then change any element of your response



Click Submit Response when ready to submit your revised tender response

Note: until you click submit response your revised tender has not be submitted. You previous response will only be replaced once you have submitted your revised response



For all other support with the system, please contact Procurement Operations Team <a href="mailto:procurementops@southend.gov.uk">procurementops@southend.gov.uk</a> or call 01702 215083