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Our procurement category list

Introduction.

We are Bloom. We specialise in bringing together a community of buyers and suppliers to help the public sector buy and manage professional services better.

This is our category guide and lists all the categories available from us through NEPRO neutral vendor solution.

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Asset Management and Delivery.

Covering land, building, equipment, facilities, machinery and vehicles that can all be defined as fixed assets. This category is focused on the function, capability, capacity and resource control of these assets, maximising their efficiency, usage and delivery.

- Property Management Services
- Rating
- Valuation
- Asset Disposal
- Property Consultancy
- Chartered Surveyors
- Conservation and Preservation Consultancy
- Asbestos (not removal)

Business Strategy.

This category focuses on both internal and external strategy development including organisational, operational and outward facing delivery. It reflects organisational, service grouping or function-wide consultancy. The fundamental issue is to ensure that delivery is not confused with consultancy.

- Policy Review and Implementation
- Corporate and Service Grouping
- Business Planning
- Service Transformation and Rationalisation
- Commissioning
- Alliances/Merging and Disinvestment
- Corporate Performance
- Corporate Operational Planning
- Corporate Service Delivery

Children (Social Care).

Focusing on organisational, service grouping, outward facing delivery programmes, teams and individuals. It includes all aspects of children and young people relating to strategy, policy, processes, function and change. This category also includes professional services specific to children and young people, but not service delivery.

- Adoption and Fostering
- Social Inclusion
- Health Issues
- Abuse and Safeguarding
- Alcohol, Drugs and Substance Misuse
- Community
- Children in Need
- Youth Services
- Learning Disabilities
- Commissioning and Decommissioning
- Safeguarding – Children

Construction, Design and Engineering.

All professional and consultancy services associated with industrial, retail, housing and office space outside of the physical build activity. Engineering incorporates the creative application of scientific principles to design or develop structures, machines, apparatus, or manufacturing outside of the physical processes. It includes planning and building control.

- Architect
- Costing and Estimation Services
- Survey Services
- Mechanical and Electrical Design
- Property Management
- Civil Engineering and Design
- Structural Engineering and Design Planning
- Building Control

Educational and Curriculum.

Environmental Health and Consumer Protection.

Covering the full spectrum of Pre-School, Primary, Secondary, Adult and Higher Education. This includes the development of strategy, policy and new methodology of teaching and learning.

Looking at how Contracting Authority engages with businesses to provide advice and guidance relating to Environmental, Health and Consumer Protection. This includes responding to breaches of law relating to Environmental, Health and Consumer Protection.

- Curriculum
- E-learning Development
- Teaching and Learning
- Technology
- Skills Training
- Educational Support
- NEETS
- Adult and Higher Education
- Primary and Secondary Education
- Preschool Education

Environmental Protection:

- Pollution control
- Contaminated land
- Private sector
- housing
- enforcement
- Public health issues

Health Protection:

- Food safety and
- standards
- Occupational safety
- and health
- Private water
- supplies
- Infectious disease
- control
- Animal health and
- welfare

Consumer Protection:

- Fair trading and
- consumer advice
- Product safety and
- metrology
- Licensing and
- markets

Environment, Sustainability and Waste.

Facilities Management.

This SPS Category covers a wide spectrum from impact assessments, professional advice, strategy and policy development, implementation of legislation and directives affecting delivery and processes. It is closely linked to other sub categories and there will be some overlap.

This SPS Category covers the integration of processes within an organisation to maintain and develop the agreed services which support and improve the effectiveness of its primary activities. Facilities Management encompasses multidisciplinary activities within the built environment and the management of their impact upon people and the workplace.

- Archaeological Services
- Ecological
- Renewable Energy and Sustainability
- Ground Engineering and Environmental Services
- Surveys and Investigations
- Environmental Management Impact Assessments
- Waste and Recycling
- Geotechnical and Geographical
- Building Conservation (Preservation and Restoration)
- Landscape Conservation (Preservation and Restoration)

- Farm and Agriculture
- Forestry and Woodlands
- Flood Risk Assessments
- Pollution
- Biodiversity
- Pest Control
- Environmental Health
- Sustainability (Environmental and Social)
- Carbon Reduction

- Maintaining and developing myriad services
- Property strategy
- Space Management
- Communications Infrastructure
- Building Maintenance, administration and contract management

Finance, Audit and Accounting.

All professional and consultancy services relating to finance, accountancy and auditing services. It will apply to corporate, management and operational financial practices. The category also includes revenue and benefits.

- Taxation
- Investments
- Pensions
- Insurance and Brokerage
- Accounting Services
- Audit
- Treasury Management
- Strategic/Corporate Finance
- Financial and Fraud Investigation
- Debt Recovery
- Risk Management
- Cash Management

- Credit Services
- Budgetary Management
- Disposals and Acquisition
- Valuation Services
- Procurement (Financial Systems and Processes)
- Revenue and Benefits Systems (Financial Systems and Processes)

Health and Wellbeing.

Focusing on partnerships with agencies looking at strategy, policy, service delivery, shared services, commissioning, performance management, professional advice, national and EU policy, directives and health, care and social initiatives. Making sure that delivery is not confused with professional and consultancy services in this field. The category also incorporates adults and older people.

- Health Issues and Improvement
- Public Health
- Elective Care
- Long-Term Care
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Personalisation
- Older People
- Commissioning and Decommissioning
- Home Independence
- Social Care

- Learning Difficulties
- Service Transformation and Rationalisation
- Development of Shared Services
- Occupational Health
- Counselling
- Physiotherapy
- Speech and Language Development
- Physical Disabilities
- Carers

- Substance Abuse
- Primary Care
- Diagnostic Services
- Clinical Care
- Emergency Services
- Locums
- Medical Professionals
- Support for Carers
- Safeguarding (Adults)

Highways and Transport.

Housing and Community.

Design, planning engineering, structural, testing and evaluation associated with highways, public and passenger transport. It includes service planning and monitoring and spans strategic and operational aspects of the services, including all transportation types for public, commercial and commuter requirements in both the private and public sector. Links to other sub categories, including construction, design and engineering.

- Costing and Estimation Services
- Survey Services
- Mechanical and Electrical Design
- Civil Engineering and Design
- Structural Engineering and Design
- Planning
- Traffic Modelling, Management and Planning
- Public and Passenger
- Road Safety Audits and Feasibility Studies
- Real Time Traffic Monitoring and Information
- Park and Ride schemes

This category covers a wide and diversified spectrum of activities including social inclusion, policing, neighbourhoods, community safety and health, area action partnerships, community integration, legislative changes predominately relating to people. Housing includes all aspects of planning, consultation, regeneration, social landlords, decent homes and community programmes.

- Social Housing
- Housing Supply
- Private and Social Landlords
- LSVT and ALMO
- Decent Homes
- Housing Management
- Strategic Housing Assessments

- Master Planning
- Neighbourhood Sustainability and Investment
- Community Engagement and Partnerships
- Access and Social Inclusion
- Policing

Information, Communication and Technology.

This category includes software, hardware and software applications, infrastructure, networks and the management of maintenance and systems. It also includes all services and technology applications associated with telecommunications.

- Telecommunications
- Systems and Software Development
- Security and Risk Assurance
- Data and Management Information
- Business Continuity Planning
- Software Assessment and Selection
- Hardware Assessment and Selection
- ICT Management
- Networks and Infrastructure
- Maintenance and Support
- Web Services
- ICT Infrastructure
- Application Delivery and Services
- Investigative and Testing Service

Leisure Culture and Heritage.

This SPS Category covers the physical and intangible attributes of a community or society that are inherited from past generations. This category aims to capture the SPS requirements related to the preservation and conservation of cultural heritage.

Cultural
- Buildings
- Monuments
- Art/Artefacts

Heritage
- Landscapes
- Biodiversity
- Traditions and Tourism

Marketing, Media and Communications.

This category covers a wide spectrum from design, creativity, communication, public relations, media types and channels. Consultancy may relate to corporate or service group wide strategies and policy. It will also include outward facing marketing and communication programmes.

- Design (TV)
- Design (Radio)
- Design (Printed Matter)
- Design (Outdoor Media)
- Public Relations
- Market Research
- Marketing Agencies

- Events Management
- Web Design
- Photography
- Creativity
- Communication
- Branding
- Advertising

Organisational and Change Management.

This category relates to implementing strategic change, technological change and structural change. It is focused at organisational, service grouping, outward facing delivery programmes, teams and individuals transitioning. This category includes all aspects of HR, learning, leadership, people and development including strategies, policies, processes and organisational function and change.

- Strategic Change
- Technological Change
- Structural Change
- Changing Attitudes and Behaviour
- Change Management Strategy
- Re-Engineering Systems and Processes
- Operational and Organisational Diagnosis
- Effective Change Management

- Service Transformation
- Service Rationalisation
- VFM
- Sustainability
- Transformation
- Culture Change
- Organisational diagnosis
- Restructuring and Managing People
- Job Evaluation
- Absence Management

- Performance Management
- Reward and Remuneration
- Employment Law
- Skills Analysis and Audit
- Leadership Development
- Industrial Relations
- Employee Welfare
- Equality and diversity
- Staff Recruitment and Selection

Planning and Development Control.

Safeguarding.

This SPS Category covers the planning and development control procedures responsible for deciding planning applications for new developments and changes of use to buildings. This category may also include other types of application such as adverts, listed buildings and works to protected trees.

This SPS Category covers the protection of vulnerable adults or children against abuse or neglect. Safeguarding ensures people are receiving the support they require from Contracting Authorities for their well-being, empowerment and a safe environment for living.

- Adverts and applications
- Listed buildings
- Protected trees or landscapes

- Physical abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Domestic abuse
- Financial abuse or mistreatment
- Neglect
- Self-Neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Discrimination
- Modern Slavery
- Organisational Abuse

Social Value and Regeneration.

This category relates to the development of business, social, employment, regeneration and economic wealth. The category focuses on external strategy and policy development to enable delivery.

- Planning Policy
- Regeneration Strategy
- Economic Policy and Development
- Employment
- Business Regeneration
- Business Growth
- Wealth Creation
- Tourism
- Master Planning
- Economic Appraisal and Analysis
- Urban Regeneration
- Town Planning
- Delivering Social Value

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