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**Request for Quotation**

**North northamptonshire urban greenspace AUDIT, strategy and delivery PROGRAMME**

**(Funded through the UK SHared Prosperity Fund)**

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# Section 1: Introduction

## General Requirements

* 1. North Northamptonshire Council (hereafter referred to as “The Council”) invites quotations for the provision of:
     + An Urban Greenspace Audit
     + An Urban Greenspace Strategy
     + The identification and assessment of Capital Schemes and their benefits
     + The development of a prioritised Urban Greenspace Programme of works
  2. The Council’s detailed requirements are defined in Section 2: Specification.
  3. Please take care in reading this document, in particular the Specification. In the event of any questions or queries in relation to this Request for Quotation (RFQ), please contact the Officer detailed in Table B.
  4. The Council reserves the right to:
     + carry out due diligence checks on the awarded Potential Supplier;
     + amend the Conditions of Contract included at Appendix 1;
     + abandon the procurement process at any stage without any liability to the Council; and/or
     + require the Potential Supplier to clarify its quotation in writing and if the Potential Supplier fails to respond satisfactorily, this may result in the Potential Supplier being rejected from the process.
  5. The Council also reserves the right, at any point and without notice, to discontinue the procurement process without awarding a contract, whether such discontinuance is related to the content of Quotation Responses or otherwise. In such circumstances, the Council will not reimburse any expenses incurred by any person in the consideration of and/or response to this document. You make all quotations, proposals and submissions relating to this RFQ entirely at your own risk.
  6. All documents and materials, which comprise the RFQ response, must be written in English only.
  7. Quotations are to remain open for acceptance for a period of 90 days from the Deadline for Submission of Bids.
  8. Potential Suppliers must be explicit and comprehensive, keeping the information provided specific to and locate within the question asked as this will be the single source of information on which responses will be scored and ranked.
  9. **Rights of the Council in Relation to the RFQ**
     1. The Council reserves the right to:

1. Waive or change the requirements of this RFQ at any time during the procurement process without prior (or any) notice being given by the Council;
2. Make changes to the timetable, structure or content of this RFQ or any other documents associated with this procurement process. Any such changes will be in accordance with the procurement timetable;
3. Abandon the procurement process at any stage without any liability to the Council, or to re-invite responses on the same or any alternative basis;
4. Choose not to award any contract as a result of this procurement process; and
5. Reject any RFQ Responses that are over budget without further evaluation of the response.
   1. Answer fully all relevant questions and respond in accordance with any specific requests as detailed in the question e.g., maximum word/page limits, etc.
      * All words in any format (including but not limited to words in diagrams, pictures, maps, tables and charts) will count towards the word count. Potential Suppliers must state the number of words in any diagram, picture, map, table or chart directly underneath it. This includes any other method of presentation which is not just text. Potential Suppliers must not attempt to circumnavigate the word limit e.g., by joining up words or using special characters to join words.
      * Submit any attachments requested in an acceptable format to the Council which includes MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, JPEGs and PDF files or any file format as specified in the question. Potential Suppliers who wish to submit an attachment in an alternative format must first check with the Council that it will be accepted.
      * When uploading attachments, please state the question number only in the file title.
      * Submit any zipped files in WinZip format only.

## Procurement Timetable

* 1. This RFQ follows a clear, structured and transparent process to ensure a fair and level playing field is maintained at all times, and that all Potential Suppliers are treated equally.
  2. All documents, which comprise any RFQ Response, must be received by the Council no later than the Deadline for Submission of Bids, set out in Table A, below.
  3. The RFQ process is intended to follow the timetable set out in Table A, below.

**Table A**

| Activity | | Time and Date  (as applicable) |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Request for Quotation Documents issued | Tuesday, 3 October 2023 |
|  | Deadline for Questions from Potential Suppliers | 17:00 on Monday, 16 October 2023 |
|  | Deadline to Provide Answers to Questions from Potential Suppliers | Friday, 20 October 2023 |
|  | Deadline for Submission of Bids | 17:00 on Friday, 27 October 2023 |
|  | Evaluation of Bids Received\* | Wednesday, 8 November 2023 |
|  | Clarification Meetings (if required)\* | Monday, 13 November 2023 |
|  | Contract Award\* | Friday, 17 November 2023 |
|  | Contract Start\* | Friday, 17 November 2023 |
|  | Contract End | 30 April 2024 |

* 1. The Council reserves the right to amend this timetable, and items marked with an asterisk, i.e. \*, are provided for **guidance only** and are **subject to change** at short notice.
  2. Any RFQ received after the Deadline for Submission of Bids identified in Table A, will be rejected. Therefore, it is the Potential Supplier’s responsibility to ensure that the deadline is not breached.

## Clarification Questions

* 1. Any queries about this document, the procurement process, or the proposed contract itself, should be referred via email to the Officer detailed in Table B, below, no later than the Deadline for Questions from Potential Suppliers date found in Table A.
  2. A copy of all requests for clarifications and the responses will be provided to all potential suppliers, where requested, where the clarification and response are not considered confidential.
  3. If a potential supplier wishes the Council to treat a clarification as confidential and therefore not publish the response to all, it must state this when submitting the clarification. If in the opinion of the Council, the clarification is not confidential, the Council will publish in an anonymised format.
  4. The deadline for receipt of clarifications relating to this procurement is set out in the procurement timetable. Clarifications sent to the Council after this deadline may not be responded to.

**Table B**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name | Sarah Ellwood |
| Job Title | Senior Project Manager |
| E-Mail address | [sarah.ellwood@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:Ivor.tractor@northnorthants.gov.uk) |

## Quotation Responses

* 1. Should you wish to take part in the selection process please complete this RFQ and return to the email address detailed in Table C, below, no later than the Deadline for Submission of Bids date in Table A.

**Table C**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| E-Mail address | [ukspf@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:ukspf@northnorthants.gov.uk) |

1. **Evaluation of Quotations**
   1. **THOSE POTENTIAL SUPPLIERS WHO FAIL ANY PASS/FAIL, MANDATORY, COMPULSORY AND/OR ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS WILL be rejected from the RFQ PROCESS.**
   2. Any bids which are not compliant or not completed fully will be rejected. If a bid is eliminated for any reason, the price submitted within the quote concerned shall also be excluded from the evaluation. Based on the information provided by Potential Suppliers, each compliant RFQ Response will be evaluated based on the following criteria:
   3. All responses to the Quality Questions will be assessed against the criteria set out in Table D, below.

**Table D**

| **Score** | **Criteria for Awarding Score** |
| --- | --- |
| 0 | Considered to be a **poor response** on the basis that:   * No response is provided; or * It does not answer the question or is completely irrelevant. |
| 1 | Considered to be a **limited response** on the basis that:   * Overall, it lacks sufficient detail or is perceived to be unclear, meaning that evaluators are not confident that the criteria will be delivered to an acceptable level. |
| 2 | Considered to be an **acceptable response** on the basis that:   * It addresses most of the relevant criteria; and/or * The supporting detail is clear for the most part and provides evaluators with an understanding that the criteria it does address will be met to an acceptable level. |
| 3 | Considered to be a **good response** on the basis that:   * It addresses all relevant criteria; and/or * The supporting detail is clear and provides evaluators with confidence that the criteria will be delivered to a good standard. |
| 4 | Considered to be an **outstanding response** on the basis that:   * It addresses all relevant criteria; and/or * The supporting detail is clear and robust and provides evaluators with the utmost confidence that all criteria will be delivered to the highest standard. |

* 1. All responses to the Quality Questions will be assessed against the criteria set out in Table D, above.
  2. This Evaluation Method enables us to evaluate quotations using a mixture of price and weighted quality criteria.
  3. The examples provided in Table E, below will be based on four (4) weighted quality questions.

**Table E**

|  | **Section Headings** | **Weighting**  **Within Total** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Quality Questions (60%)** | | |
| **Provision of the Requirement (60%)** | | |
| 1 | Understanding of the project requirements & approach | 20% |
| 2 | Experience of delivering similar strategies | 15% |
| 3 | Team skills and experience | 15% |
| 4 | Project plan | 10% |
| **Pricing (40%)** | | |
|  | Total Cost | 40% |
|  | **Grand Total** | **100%** |

* 1. The Quality Question score as detailed in Table D, will be divided by 4 and multiplied by the question weighting (within Total) (%), set out in Table E, to provide a final Quality score (%) for each question, in accordance with the following example:
     + If the question weighting (within Total) is 20% and the Potential Supplier’s response is scored ‘2’, their final score (%) will be:

2 / 4 x 20 = 10% for that question.

* + - The Potential Supplier’s response to each question will be evaluated and scored a maximum of 4 marks as per Table D.
  1. Example scores to the answers to your Quality Questions, provided by Potential Suppliers, are included in Table F, below, which will be used in the remainder of this example.

**Table F**

| **Potential Supplier No.** | **Potential Supplier Quality Score** | **Maximum Quality Score Available** | **Rank** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Potential Supplier 1 | 20 | 40 | 3 |
| Potential Supplier 2 | 30 | 40 | 2 |
| Potential Supplier 3 | 40 | 40 | 1 |

5.9 The Potential Supplier with the lowest overall compliant price will be awarded the full Price score, as set out in Table F. All other RfQ Responses will be scored in accordance with the following calculation:

* + - An example is provided in Table G, below. This example is based on a 60% price weighting, where the lowest compliant price is £100,000.

**Table G**

| **Potential Supplier No.** | **Potential Supplier Price Offer** | **Price Calculation** | **Price Score** | **Rank** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Potential Supplier 1 | £100,000.00 | =60%  (lowest compliant price) | 60 | 1 |
| Potential Supplier 2 | £125,000.00 | =60-((125,000-100,000)/125,000)\*100 | 40 | 2 |
| Potential Supplier 3 | £150,000.00 | =60-((150,000-100,000)/150,000)\*100 | 26.67 | 3 |

5.10 Potential Suppliers who receive a minus score will be allocated a score of 0% for the Pricing element*.*

5.11 Based on the points awarded for **Quality** in Table F and **Price** in Table G, the final scores are as set out in Table H, below, which are calculated in accordance with the following methodology:

5.11.1 Quality Score + Price Score = Total Score

**Table H**

| **Potential Supplier No.** | **Quality Score**  *Out of 40* | **Price Score**  *Out of 60* | **Total Score**  *Out of 100* | **Rank** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Potential Supplier 1 | 20 | 60 | 80 | 1 |
| Potential Supplier 2 | 30 | 40 | 70 | 2 |
| Potential Supplier 3 | 40 | 26.67 | 66.67 | 3 |

# Section 2: Specification

**Introduction and Background**

North Northamptonshire Council is a Unitary Council in the East Midlands serving a population of more than 350,000 people, across the towns of Kettering, Corby, Wellingborough, Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Raunds, Desborough, Rothwell, Burton Latimer, Irthlingborough, Thrapston, Oundle and the surrounding area.

The Council was created in April 2021, when the local District and Borough Councils and County Council were amalgamated, forming two Unitary councils in Northamptonshire.

The Council adopted a Corporate Plan in 2021, with a vision for North Northamptonshire as *‘a place where everyone has the best opportunities and quality of life’*. The plan outlines six key commitments:

1. Active, fulfilled lives: We will help people live healthier, more active, independent and fulfilled lives.
2. Better, brighter futures: We will care for our young people, providing them with a high-quality education and opportunities to help them flourish.
3. Safe and thriving places: We will enable a thriving and successful economy that shapes great places to live, learn, work and visit.
4. Green, sustainable environment: We will take a lead on improving the green environment, making the area more sustainable for generations to come.
5. Connected communities: We will ensure our communities are connected with one another, so they are able to shape their lives and the areas where they live.
6. Modern public services: We will provide efficient, effective and affordable services that make a real difference to all our local communities.

The Corporate Plan can be found at: <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/corporate-plan>

North Northamptonshire Council has been successful in a bid to the Government’s UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF).

A key priority of this Fund has been targeted to intervention E3: *Creation of and improvements to local greenspaces, community gardens, watercourses, embankments, along with incorporating natural features into wider public spaces*. This is recognised as being a key contributor to pride in place.

North Northamptonshire Council has allocated £1,520,000 towards delivering activities in support of intervention E3 with funding to be spent by 31 March 2025. This is the largest allocation to any single intervention in the Councils’ UKSPF programme. The purpose for the investment is to improve the urban greenspace offer and access to the environment and increase use, and enjoyment of Urban Greenspaces in North Northamptonshire.

The investment is focussed on the larger urban areas of North Northamptonshire that are ineligible for the Rural England Prosperity Fund - the towns of Corby, Desborough, Kettering, Wellingborough and Rushden/Higham Ferrers.

A focus of the programme is supporting the areas identified as *Left Behind Communities*. These are Kingswood in Corby; Avondale Grange in Kettering; and Queensway in Wellingborough. Although there is a particular focus towards investing in these areas, this does not mean that funding should be directed exclusively to them. A balanced approach should be found ensuring that communities in all six towns benefit through the investment.

## Scope

This commission will be delivered in four phases with work completed by 31 March 2024. This commission will not deliver Capital schemes.

Phase 1 – Urban Greenspace Audit

Phase 2 – Urban Greenspace Strategy

Phase 3 – Identifying and assessing potential capital schemes

Phase 4 – Prioritised programme of works

**Phase 1** is to undertake an audit of Urban Greenspace across the identified urban areas. The audit should be both quantitative and qualitative, be prepared at a relatively high-level, and at pace to ensure sufficient time allowance for phases 2, 3 and 4 to be completed within the timeframes set.

To help achieve this, the successful consultant is directed towards a list of national and local strategies, plans and programmes; relevant national and local planning policy; and technical studies prepared or underway in the North Northamptonshire area. These are listed below. It will also need to consider the Active Communities Framework which is currently being prepared - this is identifying a Playing Pitch Strategy, Leisure Facilities Strategy and future leisure management options.

**National and local strategies, plans and programmes:**

* [Ise Valley Strategic Plan](https://neneriverstrust.org/projects/river-ise-partnership/) (Nene Rivers Trust 2022)
* [North Northamptonshire Corporate Plan 2021 – 2025](https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/corporate-plan) (2023)
* [Northamptonshire’s Integrated Care System (ICS) Strategy – live your best life](https://www.icnorthamptonshire.org.uk/) (2023)
* [Northamptonshire Sport – Lets Move Together](https://www.northamptonshiresport.org/) (website on local sport and physical activity approaches)
* [Green Infrastructure Framework: Principles and Standards for England](https://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/GreenInfrastructure/Home.aspx) (Natural England 2023)
* [Gear Change: a bold vision for cycling and walking](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cycling-and-walking-plan-for-england) (DfT 2020)
* [Uniting the Movement](https://www.sportengland.org/about-us/uniting-movement) (Sport England 2021)
* [Putting Health into Place](https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/putting-health-into-place/) (NHS 2019)

**Planning policy:**

* [National Planning Policy Framework](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2) (2021)
* [National Planning Practice Guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/planning-practice-guidance) (live website)
* [North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy 2011 – 2031](https://www.nnjpdu.org.uk/publications/adopted-north-northamptonshire-joint-core-strategy-2011-2031/) (2016)
* [North Northamptonshire Infrastructure Delivery Plan](https://www.nnjpdu.org.uk/publications/north-northamptonshire-infrastructure-delivery-plan/) (2017)
* [Kettering Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan](https://www.kettering.gov.uk/info/20058/planning_strategies_and_policies/12466/adopted_kettering_site_specific_part_2_local_plan) (2021)
* [Part 2 Local Plan for Corby](https://www.corby.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/plan-making/part-2-local-plan-corby/adopted-part-2) (2021)
* [East Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2 2016-2031](https://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/info/200193/adopted_local_plan/65/development_plan_documents/6) (2021)
* [Plan for the Borough of Wellingborough](https://www.wellingborough.gov.uk/homepage/234/the_plan_for_the_borough_of_wellingborough) (2019)
* [Kettering Town Centre Area Action Plan](https://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/download/38/kettering_town_centre_area_action_plan_ktcaap) (2011)

**Technical studies:**

* [Kettering Open Space Assessment and Standards Paper](https://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/file/19413/open_space_standards_paper_july_2020) (2020)
* [Corby Open Space Assessment and Standards Paper](https://www.corby.gov.uk/sites/default/files/files/Open%20Space%20Study%20Standards%20Paper%20November%202017.pdf) (2017)
* [Wellingborough Open Space Assessment and Standards Paper](https://www.wellingborough.gov.uk/downloads/download/2784/bcw_open_space_assessment_and_strategy_july_2017) (2017)
* [North Northamptonshire Green Infrastructure Delivery Plan](https://www.nnjpdu.org.uk/publications/north-northamptonshire-green-infrastructure-delivery-plan-may-2014/) (2014)
* [Green Infrastructure Delivery Plan for Kettering Borough](https://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/file/18170/green_infrastructure_deliver_plan_march_2018) (2018)
* [Spatial Analysis of Green Infrastructure Resources in Wellingborough Town](https://www.wellingborough.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/7703/ncc_wellingborough_green_infrastructure_report_2017.pdf) (2016)
* [North Northamptonshire Green Infrastructure: Local Framework Study for Corby](http://www.nnjpu.org.uk/docs/Green%20Infrastructure%20-%20Local%20Framework.pdf) (2005)
* [Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Kettering](https://ketteringtravel.commonplace.is/) (2023) (consultation draft)
* Integrated Care Northamptonshire Strategy 2022-23 (2022)

**Phase 2** will require the formulation of an Urban Greenspace Strategy which is specific to the challenges and opportunities present across the six towns. Specific objectives which the strategy should address are listed below:

* To improve access to urban greenspace, increase levels of physical activity, enhance open spaces for informal sport and recreation, improve wildlife habitats, create attractive places for people to meet and enjoy the environment, and strengthen and link communities and their open spaces.
* To increase opportunities for all members of the community to enjoy physically active lives ensuring accessibility for all.
* To help address health inequalities, deprivation and support resilient communities through investment in developing an Urban Greenspace Strategy.
* To strengthen recreation and leisure provision at multiple sites across the area, and where possible provide connections to encourage a network of Urban Greenspaces meeting different and linked needs.
* To support the attraction of additional funding to match that already committed to this project area.
* To build awareness of urban greenspaces within communities and generate a pride for the contribution they make.
* Encourage organised events at these greenspaces, helping to ensure they become well-used, attractive and safe places for community activities.

**Phase 3** will involve identifying and assessing potential Capital schemes and benefits. It is anticipated that this will involve engagement with relevant council officers and local stakeholders. An assessment framework should be developed to enable an objective and robust review of schemes against set criteria reflecting the priorities set out in the strategy, and the wider Levelling Up objectives established by UK Government. Deliverability and risk will be important considerations.

In the designing and prioritising of projects it should be noted that high-quality scheme proposals are a prerequisite, taking precedence over larger numbers of lesser quality schemes (quality over quantity).

Also worthy of note, identifying scheme proposals which have the potential of attracting additional external funding to any scheme is of appeal, additional investment stretching further the ability to deliver uplifts in urban greenspace improvements. For example, this may be through future bids to the Levelling Up Fund, Public Health grants, the National Lottery, individual sporting funds or links to Biodiversity Net Gain credits, the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and Section 106 Agreements.

Finally, public consultation and/or engagement with the community will be important in identifying and prioritising projects. As highlighted, the Council will undertake some initial engagement seeking project concepts from stakeholders, but the successful consultant will be expected to show the results of their own engagement. This may take the form of a call for sites for projects, or the results of sharing initial ideas for comment.

**Phase 4** will consist of the preparation of a prioritised programme of Greenspace capital schemes. The programme will identify short-term schemes which can be delivered (with funding drawn-down) by March 2025 involving UKSPF capital funding, and medium and long-term projects to create a pipeline. The intention is that this will enable the Council to bid for further funding through other programmes.

More detail will be provided on short-term schemes prioritised for delivery through UKSPF. This will include key milestones, outputs and outcomes, budget, and any project-specific terms or conditions which need to be satisfied prior to funding being approved.

Decisions on the capital programme and project funding will be made by the Council.

The successful consultant may be invited to present the findings and priorities for approval at each stage of the project. Ultimately, the final decision on scheme and priorities will lie with the council’s UKSPF Panel.

## Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery

* 1. At least ten (10) Working Days prior to the Contract Start Date, the Supplier shall prepare and deliver to the Council, for approval, a plan detailing the processes and arrangements that the Supplier shall follow to:
     1. ensure continuity of the business processes and operations supported by the Service, following any failure or disruption of any element of the Service; and
     2. the recovery of the Service in the event of a disaster.
  2. In the event of a complete loss of service, or in the event of a disaster, the Supplier shall immediately implement the Service Continuity Plan (and shall inform the Council promptly of this).

## Statement of Requirements

The preparation of an agreed audit of Urban Greenspace in North Northamptonshire, this should be finalised in by January 2024. *(Phase 1)*

The provision of a draft Urban Greenspace Strategy, this should be finalised by end of February 2024 *(Phase 2)*

The identification and assessment of potential Greenspace schemes for 2024/25 and beyond, this should be finalised by end of February 2024 *(Phase 3)*

The provision of an agreed prioritised programme of designed schemes ready for delivery between April 2024 and March 2025, this should be finalised by end of March 2024. *(Phase 4)*

Presentation of the Urban Greenspace Strategy and assessment of potential Greenspace schemes to the NNC UKSPF Panel and the NNC Advisory Panel

## Implementation Criteria

Phase 1 (Audit) to be completed by the end of January 2024.

Phase 2 (Strategy) to be completed by the end of February 2024.

Phase 3 (Scheme identification) to be completed by end of February 2024

Phase 4 (Prioritised programme) to be completed by end of March 2024

## Performance Monitoring and Review/Project Management

* + Provision of project plan at project start up meeting to be agreed with the Project Team.
  + Fortnightly update meetings/calls will take place, at which the service performance will be discussed.
  + For the duration of the contract, the supplier will be paid monthly in arrears, subject to meeting the above criteria.
  + For the update meetings, the Supplier must prepare an update note on the current position.
  + Reports and papers to be provided to timescales as identified in item 3 Implementation Criteria above.

## Social Benefits

The investment is intended to deliver the list of objectives detailed below:

* To develop a high-level strategy which will improve access to, and enjoyment of, urban greenspace, increase levels of physical activity, enhance open spaces for informal sport and recreation, improve wildlife habitats, create attractive places for people to meet and enjoy the environment, and strengthen and link communities and their open spaces.
* To increase opportunities for all members of the community to enjoy physically active lives ensuring accessibility for all.
* To help address health inequalities, deprivation and support resilient communities through investment in developing an Urban Greenspace Strategy and delivering a number of priority projects from within it.
* To strengthen recreation and leisure provision at multiple sites across the area, and where possible provide connections to encourage a network of Urban Greenspaces meeting different and linked needs.
* To attract additional funding to match that already committed to this project area.
* To build awareness of urban greenspaces within communities and generate a pride for the contribution they make.
* Encourage organised events at these greenspaces, helping to ensure they become well-used, attractive and safe places for community activities.

## Data Management / UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)

As a data controller, we are committed to upholding the principles of UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018 (UK Data Protection Legislation) to ensure:

* that any processing is lawful, fair, transparent and necessary for a specific purpose;
* that data is kept accurate, up to date and removed when no longer necessary;
* that data is kept securely and safely; and
* transparency regarding use of personal (including special category) data.

The data controller has overall control of the personal data that it holds. The data controller is responsible for ensuring that its data processors are competent to process personal data in line with UK GDPR requirements. Under Article 28(1) data controllers are only permitted to use data processors that can provide “sufficient guarantees” to implement appropriate technical and organisational measures, to ensure the processing complies with the UK GDPR and protects the rights of individuals.

There have been no data protection implications identified for the initial provision of this service.

If, at any stage following the commencement of services the supplier requires access to personal data held by the data controller; the data controller will ensure that the appropriate provisions are put in place and documented, to allow the processing to be undertaken in accordance with UK Data Protection Legislation.

In this event, in accordance with Article 28 UK GDPR, the supplier as a ‘data processor’ must adhere to the following provisions:

28 (3)(a) only process personal data in line with the data controller’s documented instructions (including when making an international transfer of personal data), unless it is required to do otherwise by UK law.

28(3)(b) the data processor and its personnel must obtain a commitment of confidentiality from anyone it allows to process the personal data, unless that person is already under such a duty by statute.

28(3)(c) the data processor is obligated to take all security measures necessary to meet the requirements of Article 32 on the security of processing.

28(3)(d) the data processor should not engage another processor (a sub-processor) without the controller’s prior specific or general written authorisation. Where authorisation is received, the sub-processor must offer an equivalent level of protection for the personal data.

28(3)(e) the data processor must take “appropriate technical and organisational measures” to help the data controller respond to requests from individuals to exercise their data rights.

28(3)(f) considering the nature of the processing and the information available, the data processor must assist the data controller in meeting its obligations to investigate and report data breaches to the ICO and data subjects, where applicable.

28(3)(g) upon termination of services, the data processor must delete existing copies of the personal data and confirm in writing to the data controller that it has done so, unless UK law requires it to be stored. Deletion of personal data should be done in a secure manner, in accordance with the security requirements of Article 32.

28(3)(h) the data processor must provide the data controller with all the information that is needed to show that the obligations of Article 28 have been met; and allow for, and contribute to, audits and inspections carried out by the data controller, or by an auditor appointed by the data controller.

## Appendixes and/or Annexes

| **No.** | **Document Name** | **Document Location** |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | North Northamptonshire Council Corporate Plan | [Corporate plan | North Northamptonshire Council (northnorthants.gov.uk)](https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/corporate-plan) |

# Section 3: Supporting Information

1. Please complete Section 3 below.

| **General Information** | | | | |
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| **Question 1:** | | **Scoring Methodology:** | Question Answered? Yes/No | |
| 1.1. (a) | Full name of the Potential Supplier completing Information | | | Click to enter text. |
| 1.1. (b) (i) | Registered office address | | | Click to enter text. |
| 1.1 (b) (ii) | Registered website address | | | Click to enter text. |
| 1.1. (c) (i) | Trading Status | | | Choose an item. |
| 1.1. (c) (ii) | \*If you selected ‘**Other\***’, please specify | | | Click to enter text. |
| 1.1 (d) | Date of registration in country of origin | | | Click to enter date. |
| 1.1. (e) | Company registration number | | | Click to enter text. |
| 1.1. (f) | Charity registration number | | | Click to enter text. |
| 1.1 (g) | Head Officer DUNS number | | | Click to enter text. |
| 1.1 (h) | Registered VAT number | | | Click to enter text. |
| 1.1 (i) | Trading name(s) that will be used if successful in this procurement. | | | Click to enter text. |
| 1.1. (j) | Are you a Small, Medium or Micro Enterprise (SME)? | | | Choose an item. |
| 1.1 (k) | If applicable, details of immediate parent company | | | Click to enter text. |
| 1.1 (l) | If applicable, details of ultimate parent company | | | Click to enter text. |

**Please Note:** To avoid any unnecessary duplication for the Potential Supplier, by signing the Declaration at Question 2, you are also signing to confirm the following, as included in this RFQ Response, and all associated subsections therein contained:

1. Section 5: Freedom of Information; and
2. Section 6: Declaration.

| **Contact Details and Declaration** | | | | |
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| **Question 2:** | | **Scoring Methodology:** | Question Answered? Yes/No | |
| *Potential Supplier contact details for enquiries about this RFQ Response* | | | | |
| 2.1. (a) | Contact name | | | Click to enter text. |
| 2.1. (b) | Name of organisation | | | Click to enter text. |
| 2.1. (c) | Role in organisation | | | Click to enter text. |
| 2.1. (d) | Phone number | | | Click to enter text. |
| 2.1. (e) | E-mail address | | | Click to enter text. |
| 2.1. (f) | Postal address  *including postcode* | | | Click to enter text. |
| 2.1. (g) | Signature  *electronic is acceptable* | | | Click to enter text. |
| 2.1. (h) | Date | | | Click to enter date. |

| **Insurance** | | | | | | |
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| **Question 3:** | | **Scoring Methodology:** | Pass/Fail  Potential Suppliers who answer ‘No’ to any of the levels below will be eliminated from this procurement process. |  | |  |
| *Please confirm that your organisation already has or is prepared to obtain the level of insurance cover prior to award of the contract? The levels of insurance cover are indicated below.* | | | | | | |
| 3.1. | Employer’s (Compulsory) Liability Insurance at no less than £5m | | | | Choose an item. | |
| 3.2. | Public Liability Insurance at no less than £5m | | | | Choose an item. | |
| 3.3. | Professional Indemnity Insurance at no less than £2m | | | | Choose an item. | |

| **Requirements under Modern Slavery Act 2015** | | | | | | |
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| **Question 4:** | | **Scoring Methodology:** | Pass/Fail  Potential Suppliers who answer ‘No’ will be eliminated from this procurement process. |  | |  |
| 4.1. (a) | The Council wants to ensure that within your business and its supply chain, there is no servitude or forced labour, slavery human trafficking, arranging or facilitating the travel of another person with a view that a person is being exploited or conducting any activities that contain violation of human rights.  Please confirm that your supply chain with regards to this quotation response complies with the Modern Slavery Act 2015? | | | | Choose an item. | |

| **UK General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR)** | | | | | | |
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| **Question 5:** | | **Scoring Methodology:** | Pass/Fail  Potential Suppliers who answer ‘No’ will be eliminated from this procurement process. |  | |  |
| 5.1. | The Council wants to ensure that within your business and/or in its supply chain, the processing of personal data and processes in relation to this contract are complaint with the requirements of the UK General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR) and Data Protection Act.  Please confirm that you and your supply chain with regards to this RFQ response comply with all applicable data protection legislation including but not limited to the UK General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR) and Data Protection Act. | | | | Choose an item. | |

| **Social Value** | | | | | |
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| **Question 6:** | | **Scoring Methodology:** | Pass/Fail |  |  |
| 6.1. | Having read the specification what community benefits, will your organisation provide as part of your proposal? Examples include but not be limited to:   * Sub-contracting locally; * Improvements to the area covered by North Northamptonshire; and/or * Use of apprenticeships.   ***Important Note:*** *Where the Potential Supplier answers in such a way, as to avoid this requirement, but still provides an answer (e.g., “we are unable to offer any benefits as a part of this Contract”), they will be deemed to have not answered the question, which may lead them failing this question and being rejected from the process.* | | | | |
| **Answer:** | | | | | |
| Click to enter text. | | | | | |

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| **Question 7:** | **Scoring Methodology:** | 20% | **Word Limit:** | 2,000 words |
| Please set out your understanding of the project requirements and outline your overall approach for delivering the project. | | | | |
| **Answer:** | | | | |
| Click to enter text. | | | | |
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| **Question 8:** | **Scoring Methodology:** | 15% | **Word Limit:** | 1,000 words |
| Please demonstrate your experience of delivering similar strategies | | | | |
| **Answer:** | | | | |
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| **Question 9:** | **Scoring Methodology:** | 15% | **Word Limit:** | 1,000 words |
| Please describe how the skills of your team will allow you to deliver the requirements of the specification  Please also define the management structure that you would put in place to support the successful performance of this contract, and state all the personnel who will be working on the programme. Please provide CVs to support your response (CVs are not included in the word count, but each CV should be no more than 4 pages). | | | | |
| **Answer:** | | | | |
| Click to enter text. | | | | |
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| **Question 10:** | **Scoring Methodology:** | 10% | **Word Limit:** | 500 words |
| Please provide a comprehensive project plan, in particular this should include project management of reporting requirements, meetings and sign-off | | | | |
| **Answer:** | | | | |
| Click to enter text. | | | | |
| **Word Count:** | | | | Enter no. |

# Section 4: Pricing Sheet

## Pricing and Costs

* 1. A Potential Supplier’s RFQ Response will be rejected if it exceeds the capped budget for this procurement exercise, which is £80,000*.*
  2. Please complete the Pricing Schedule at Table E, below, ensuring that you have provided a fixed and firm cost in each of the relevant boxes.

* 1. Please complete the Detailed Price Breakdown at Table F, below and include the itemised cost under each heading, as appropriate and any additional costs.
  2. Please add or remove rows to form the Price Breakdown table, as necessary.
  3. All prices quoted must exclude VAT.
  4. Should you be successful, your fixed cost for the contract must be included in your RFQ Response and any costs which are not included will not be met by the Council either before or during the contract.
  5. Where the Council considers a price to be abnormally low, it may seek clarification and/or an explanation from the Potential Supplier, and the Council may reject any RFQ Response, at its absolute discretion, if it appears to be unreliable.
  6. The Potential Supplier with the lowest overall compliant price will be awarded the full Price score. All other RFQ responses will be scored in accordance with the following calculation:
     1. An example is provided in Table **E**, below. This example is based on a 100% price weighting, where the lowest complaint price is £100,000.

**Table E**

| **Potential Supplier No.** | **Potential Supplier Price Offer** | **Price Calculation** | **Price Score** | **Rank** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Potential Supplier 1 | £100,000.00 | =100%  (lowest compliant price) | 100 | 1 |
| Potential Supplier 2 | £125,000.00 | =100-((125,000-100,000)/125,000)\*100 | 75 | 2 |
| Potential Supplier 3 | £150,000.00 | =100-((150,000-100,000)/150,000)\*100 | 50 | 3 |

**Table F**

| **Pricing Schedule** | | |
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|  | A completed copy of this Pricing Schedule spreadsheet **must** be included with your RFQ Response. | |
|  | Urban Greenspace Audit | £Click to enter text. |
|  | Urban Greenspace Strategy | £Click to enter text. |
|  | Urban Greenspace prioritised projects | £Click to enter text. |
|  | Urban Greenspace programme of works | £Click to enter text. |
|  | Additional Costs not otherwise specified | £Click to enter text. |
|  | Total Cost (A+B+C+D+E)  This is the figure that will be used for the price evaluation, as detailed in this document. | £Click to enter text. |

# Section 5: Freedom of Information

1. Information in relation to this RFQ may be made available on demand in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“The Act”) and your organisation details will be disclosed and/or published where the expenditure is over £500, as per the Government Transparency agenda.
2. Potential Suppliers must state if any of the information supplied by them is confidential and commercially sensitive or should not be disclosed in response for the Information under The Act. Potential Suppliers must state why they consider the information to be confidential or commercially sensitive.
3. Note that inclusion below will not guarantee that the information will not be disclosed but will be examined in the light of the exemptions provided in The Act. Note that the Declaration for this Section has been completed and signed at Section 3, Question 2.1 (g) of this document.

| **Information/Document** | | **Reference/Page No.** | **Reasons for Non-Disclosure** | **Duration of Confidentiality** |
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# Section 6: Declaration

1. By signing Section 3, Question 2.1. (g) I hereby declare that:
   1. I am signing on behalf of the Company named at Section 3, Question 1.1 (a) and am duly authorised to do so;
   2. to the best of my knowledge, the information provided is complete and accurate;
   3. the price in Section 4 is our best offer;
   4. no collusion with other organisations has taken place in order to fix the price;
   5. that there is no conflict of interest in relation to the Council’s requirement;
   6. the requirement be subjected to the terms and conditions set out in Conditions of Contract identified at Appendix 1;
   7. that no goods, supplies, services and/or works will be delivered or undertaken until both parties have executed the formal contract documentation as identified at Appendix 1 and an instruction to proceed has been given by the Council in writing; and
   8. I understand that the Council may reject my submission if there is a failure to answer all relevant questions fully or if I provide false and/or misleading information.

# Section 7: Due diligence

* 1. The Council will undertake its due diligence in advance of any contract award.
  2. The preferred Potential Supplier(s) will not be awarded the Contract until the Council is satisfied with any further checks and due diligence it has carried out and these will need to be acceptable to the Council before a contract can be awarded. The Council reserves the right to disqualify any Quotation Response which is incomplete.
  3. Due diligence may include credit checks in relation to the preferred Potential Supplier(s) (including each member of any consortium and of any key sub-contractor). This is important to the Council to ensure that any organisation who wishes to enter into a contract with the Council will be in a position to provide the goods, services and/or works on an ongoing basis as agreed within any contract. The Council works with external credit agencies to provide these financial checks.
  4. The Council reserves the right to reject a Potential Supplier from the procurement process, where any findings from the Council’s due diligence reveal a serious concern or risk for the Council that cannot be remedied in a reasonable amount of time before award. Potential Suppliers are strongly encouraged to check and manage their financial score within the industry.
  5. The Council reserves the right to revisit any selection criteria questions at any time before award stage, where the Council believes there is a risk that selection responses might have changed. The Council reserves the right to disqualify any Potential Supplier who no longer meets the selection criteria if it originally led to them continuing in the procurement process.

# Section 8: CONTRACT AWARD

1. The Council will notify all Potential Suppliers of its intention to award a contract.

1. This will include details of the:
   * 1. Award criteria scores;
     2. Name of the successful provider(s).
2. The following documents shall form part of the contract between the Council and the successful provider(s):
   * 1. Specification;
     2. Terms and Conditions plus related Schedules (such as service levels, site plans, asset lists, contracts list, list of transferring employees, relevant policies, etc.);
     3. A pricing schedule (as completed by the Potential Supplier);
     4. Responses to requirements; and
     5. A list of commercially sensitive information.

## Appendix 1: Conditions of Contract