

## **Early Years Education Recovery – Procurement Update**

The overarching Prior Information Notice (PIN) for the Early Years Education Recovery (EYER) Programme was published on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and can be found [here](#). The purpose of the October 2021 PIN notice was to notify the market of forthcoming procurement activity relating to the Early Years Recovery Programme, provide further information on the objective of each strand, and highlight that a number of market warming events were due to take place.

The purpose of this PIN update (March 2022) is to provide an update of EYER procurement activity since October 2021, as below. All estimated total contract / project / programme values are subject to change and this notice is written on a 'without commitment' basis. The Authority intends to provide regular updates to this Notice as necessary. This Notice should be read in conjunction with the DfE procurement pipeline (£2m+) regularly published on Gov.uk.

### **Early years online child development training**

- Without commitment, the Authority intends to procure for EY experts to support the development of the next 3 modules of the training package.
- The experts will be required to work flexibly with DfE policy and digital design teams to develop the content in a way which meets the defined user needs.
- The Authority intends to procure this requirement via the Education and Children's Social Care Dynamic Purchasing System (ECSC DPS) within the next 3 months. The Authority expects to undertake a similar procurement process for a further (4) modules in Autumn 2022.

### **Pedagogical and whole setting leadership support (experts and mentors)**

- The Authority has now awarded a contract via the Education and Children's Social Care Dynamic Purchasing System (ECSC DPS) for the Expert and Mentors Training Partner. The process for procurement of the Experts and Mentors Delivery Partner is currently underway.

### **Early Years Stronger Practice Centres**

- The Authority plans to create a network of Early Years Stronger Practice Centres to support early years providers and practitioners to adopt evidence-based practice improvements to address key COVID-19 recovery issues and build local networks for sharing effective practice.
- On 14 December 2021 the Authority held a market engagement [event](#) to share information on the intended design of the programme and to

listen to views from the market to help inform the in-depth design of the initiative.

- Without commitment, the Authority plans to launch a commercial tender within the next 3 months for a delivery partner to manage delivery of the programme. The expected value of the project as a whole is expected to be £19.5m, inclusive of grant funding and any contract (expected £0.5m+).

### **Phase 3 of the Professional Development Programme rollout (PDP3)**

- The Authority intends to deliver a third phase of the Professional Development Programme (PDP 3) to support early years practitioners develop their practice and ensure they have the skills they need to help young children impacted by the pandemic.
- On 7 December 2021 the Authority held a market engagement event to share information on the intended design of the programme and to listen to views from the market to help inform the in-depth design of the initiative.
- The Authority is currently undertaking assurance and approval activity relating to this requirement. Without commitment, the Authority intends to launch ITT documentation in early Summer 2022. The total contract value is expected to be £15m+.

### **Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) training**

- Information relating to this requirement and previous market engagement can be found [here](#) and [here](#).
- The Authority has now published the Contract Notice / ITT documentation, which can be found [here](#) . The overall project value is expected to be circa £12m, of which the estimated contract value is circa £10m.

### **Level 3 qualifications review**

- Information relating to the requirement and previous market engagement can be found [here](#).
- The Authority has now published the Contract Notice/ITT documentation to commission an organisation or suitable consortia to deliver a review of the Level 3 early years qualification, including the criteria underpinning this. This can be found [here](#). The expected total contract value is estimated to be £100k+ (expected value of the overall project is circa £2m).
- The outcome of this contract will aid the Authority in understanding the optimal way forward. The winning tenderer will not be afforded any unfair advantage in any potential future opportunities associated with

this strand.

**Training EY practitioners to support parents with home learning (HLE)**

- A previously published Early Engagement Notice can be found [here](#). The Authority is processing feedback from engagement with stakeholders and expert providers about the best delivery model for this programme and will use this to inform its development.

