

## **Supplier Engagement Event – Food Concept Framework**

Newcastle City Council would like to invite suitable providers to attend a supplier engagement event taking place the week of the 10<sup>th</sup> February at the Condercum Road Depot, Conhope Lane, NE1 8QH .

The Council intend to hold a limited number of 1-2-1 sessions lasting 2 hours. Suppliers are requested to provide samples of their products and discuss their product roadmap going forward. A more detailed agenda will follow.

Sessions will be given on a first come first serve basis to providers who are able to fulfil the requirement as outlined below.

Please contact Aaron Rush (Lead Specialist Resources– Commissioning & Procurement) on [aaron.rush@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:aaron.rush@newcastle.gov.uk) to reserve your place.

Please note this is a supplier engagement event only and does not formally signify the beginning of a procurement process and does not constitute commitment to undertake a procurement exercise. The event is free but no expenses will be paid by the Council for your attendance.

## **Food Framework Requirements**

Newcastle City Council currently deliver a School Meals Service to 76 schools in Newcastle including Primary Schools, Secondary Schools, Nurseries and Special Schools.

The School Meals Service require suppliers to supply the Councils Food Framework requirements. Currently the Council has contracts in place for Wrap Meals and Street Food which expire in August 2020. Initial scoping of the Councils requirement suggests the Council will have 3 x lots covering:

- 1- Wrap Meals
- 2- Street Food Concept
- 3- Innovation

The Council are experiencing significant growth in the demand for products covered within the scope of the Framework. The Council have ambitious plans to see further growth in this area. It is vital that the Council have the flexibility to react to changing market trends and can work collaboratively and innovatively with suppliers to enhance its service provision.

The Council would welcome suppliers to discuss their products, commercial & market optimisation strategies, and how the Council benefit from their service. A more comprehensive agenda will be shared upon confirmation of timeslot booking.