**Provider Panel for the Provision of Apprenticeship Training**

**1st January 2018 – 31st December 2020 with the option to extend for 12 months**

Cheshire East Borough Council & Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council have worked in collaboration to form a Consortium to deliver apprenticeship schemes for both Councils. The consortium cannot guarantee any quantities or volumes, (and it is not an exclusive arrangement) but the anticipated spend will be between £3,000,000 and £6,500,000 for the next four years.

**What is an apprenticeship?**

An apprenticeship is paid employment which involves both on the job training and study towards a related qualification and is open to anyone aged 16 and above. Changes made by the Government in April 2017, mean Cheshire East Council (and other public sector organisations) now pays a levy to pay to fund the training of apprenticeships across the organisation, including maintained schools and our ASDVs.

An apprenticeship takes one to four years to complete, depending on their level and leads to a recognised qualification in the related field. Levels span from level 2 (GCSE standard) to level 7 (postgraduate standard) and also include degree apprenticeships

Cheshire East Council is committed to offering high quality apprenticeships to dedicated staff and young people who want an opportunity to develop, earn and learn.

**How to become a provider of apprenticeships to the Councils.**

The Provider Panel will reopen three times a year and subsequent call offs will be awarded as per the original call off criteria within the tender documentation.

The first round of tendering and contracts awarded commenced January 2018. It is the intention to hold further rounds of tendering to keep the list of providers fresh and up to date.

The indicative timetable for additional opportunities for providers to tender are as below:

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| **Advertise Tender** | **Appoint New Suppliers** |
| 1st February 2018**DN318091 – Round 2****Tender closing date: Friday 23rd February 2018 at 12 noon**<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=89c80fdd-c3fa-e711-80ea-005056b64545&p=e0cc5631-4690-e511-80fb-000c29c9ba21> | 1st April 2018 |
| 1st June 2018 | 1st August 2018 |
| 1st November 2018 | 1st January 2019 |
| 1st February 2019 |                                       1st April 2019 |
| 1st June 2019 | 1st August 2019 |
| 1st November 2019 | 1st January 2020 |
| 1st February 2020 | 1st April 2020 |
| 1st June 2020 | 1st August 2020 |
| 1st November 2020 | 1st January 2021 (subject to extending 1 x 12 months) |

**Call Off Process**

The majority of contracts will be awarded on the basis of a direct award. However,

the consortium reserves the right to hold a mini competition when appointing a

provider to deliver a course, particularly if the Consortium forms a cohort. The

consortium will approach all providers of the course in question for a price and will

offer the opportunity to better the offer they have made in their tender submission.

The Consortium reserve the right to negotiate on provision and price to ensure value

for money and that learners needs are met.

**Reopening of the List/Panel**

The Consortium intends to reopen this opportunity to join the Provider Panel at least three times a year (refer to table). New competitions will usually be after new providers have been appointed to the Government’s RoATP so that providers who did not previously meet the criteria have the opportunity to join.

For providers who have been unsuccessful in being appointed to the Provider Panel, they will have a further three opportunities to apply and incorporate the debrief feedback into their response. If they do not meet the eligibility criteria described within the specification, they will not be appointed to the list.

When the Consortium reopens the list, it may amend maximum funding brackets in line with any changes in the market and add additional courses and lots as and when business needs arise.

Providers who have been successful in their submission to be appointed to the Provider Panel will also be able to use the opportunity to refresh their bids with up to date information, for example to reflect an improved OFSTED rating, offer additional courses or improve the competitiveness prices. Please provide a statement of any changes if reapplying so the changes can be considered and updated.

All documents must be returned via the CHEST at [www.the-chest.org.uk](http://www.thechest.nwce.gov.uk), and must be compatible with Microsoft Office or Acrobat/PDF formats.

**Please note:**  do not express an interest or try to return documents to the ongoing Chest advert Ref: **DN318144. You must use the latest Chest Ref for the round appropriate e.g. for 16 188 Round 2 starting April 18, you should use Chest Ref DN318091** – Round 2 (as shown in the above table).

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=89c80fdd-c3fa-e711-80ea-005056b64545&p=e0cc5631-4690-e511-80fb-000c29c9ba21>

For further information and/or queries please email: procurement@cheshireeast.gov.uk

**Provider Panel – List of Category areas and name of providers as at January 2018**

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| Lot 1 - Legal, Accounting, Financial and Insurance Services | Barnsley CollegeBlackburn CollegeDamar LimitedMacclesfield CollegePM TrainingRochdale TrainingSouth Cheshire CollegeThe Growth CompanyTotal People Limited |
| Lot 2 - Agriculture, Environmental & Animal Care | Acorn TrainingBarnsley CollegePM Training |
| Lot 3 - Business Management (to include business admin and leadership and management) and Customer Service | Acorn Training Axia SolutionsBarnsley CollegeBlackburn CollegeBlackRock (London) LtdDamar LimitedEssential Learning Company LimitedFLM Training LtdGP Strategies Training LimitedHIT Training LimitedInvisage Ltd/ Ingeus UKLearning Curve Group LimitedLifetime Training Group LimitedLiverpool John Moores UniversityMacclesfield CollegeManchester Metropolitan UniversityMantra LearningMBKB Training North Lancashire Training GroupPeople Plus GroupPM TrainingPremier People SolutionsQA LimitedRemit GroupRochdale TrainingSHL Training SolutionsSkills Training UKSolo VirSouth Cheshire CollegeThe Care Learning CentreThe Growth CompanyTotal People LimitedUniversity of Chester Vision West Nottinghamshire |
| Lot 4 - Construction, Engineering & Manufacturing | Axia Solutions LimitedBarnsley CollegeBlackburn CollegeMacclesfield CollegePM TrainingSkills Training UKSouth Cheshire CollegeThe Growth CompanyTotal People Limited |
| Lot 5 - Health, Social Care, Childcare & Education | Acorn Training Alder Training LimitedAshley Hunter Training AcademyBarnsley CollegeBespoke Consultancy and Education LimitedBlackburn CollegeDawn Hodge Associates LimitedEssential Learning Company LimitedExpanse Group LimitedGP Strategies Training LimitedLearning Curve Group LimitedLifetime Training Group LimitedMacclesfield CollegeMBKB Training Remit GroupRochdale TrainingSkills Training UKSouth Cheshire CollegeThe Big Life CompanyThe Care Learning CentreThe Growth CompanyTotal People LimitedUniversity of Chester Vision West Nottinghamshire |
| Lot 6 - Hospitality & Catering | Acorn TrainingBarnsley CollegeBlackburn CollegeHIT Training LimitedInvisage Ltd/ Ingeus UKLearning Curve Group LimitedLifetime Training Group Macclesfield CollegeNorth Lancashire Training GroupRemit GroupSouth Cheshire CollegeTotal People LimitedVision West Nottinghamshire |
| Lot 7 - Sales, Marketing & Procurement | Acorn TrainingAxia Solutions LimitedBlackburn CollegeMacclesfield CollegeRochdale TrainingSouth Cheshire CollegeTotal People Limited |
| Lot 8 - Degree and Masters Level Qualifications | Acorn Training Barnsley CollegeBlackburn CollegeLiverpool John Moores UniversityManchester Metropolitan UniversityQA LimitedRochdale TrainingSouth Cheshire CollegeThe Growth CompanyUniversity of Chester |
| Lot 9 - Miscellaneous (Creative & Design, Facilities Management, Protective Services and Transport & Logistics) | Axia Solutions LimitedBarnsley CollegeBlackburn CollegeMacclesfield CollegeMantra LearningNorth Lancashire Training GroupRochdale TrainingSouth Cheshire CollegeTotal People Limited |
| Lot 10 - ICT | Acorn TrainingAxia Solutions LimitedBaltic Training ServicesBarnsley CollegeBlackburn CollegeEssential Learning Company LimitedGP Strategies Training LimitedMacclesfield CollegeManchester Metropolitan UniversityNorth Lancashire Training GroupPM TrainingQA LimitedRemit GroupRochdale TrainingSkills Training UK LimitedSouth Cheshire CollegeTotal People LimitedTraining Synergy |