**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](mailto: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 College  Blackburn College  Damar Limited  Macclesfield College  PM Training  Rochdale Training  South Cheshire College  The Growth Company  Total People Limited |
| Lot 2 - Agriculture, Environmental & Animal Care | Acorn Training  Barnsley College  PM Training |
| Lot 3 - Business Management (to include business admin and leadership and management) and Customer Service | Acorn Training  Axia Solutions  Barnsley College  Blackburn College  BlackRock (London) Ltd  Damar Limited  Essential Learning Company Limited  FLM Training Ltd  GP Strategies Training Limited  HIT Training Limited  Invisage Ltd/ Ingeus UK  Learning Curve Group Limited  Lifetime Training Group Limited  Liverpool John Moores University  Macclesfield College  Manchester Metropolitan University  Mantra Learning  MBKB Training  North Lancashire Training Group  People Plus Group  PM Training  Premier People Solutions  QA Limited  Remit Group  Rochdale Training  SHL Training Solutions  Skills Training UK  Solo Vir  South Cheshire College  The Care Learning Centre  The Growth Company  Total People Limited  University of Chester  Vision West Nottinghamshire |
| Lot 4 - Construction, Engineering & Manufacturing | Axia Solutions Limited  Barnsley College  Blackburn College  Macclesfield College  PM Training  Skills Training UK  South Cheshire College  The Growth Company  Total People Limited |
| Lot 5 - Health, Social Care, Childcare & Education | Acorn Training  Alder Training Limited  Ashley Hunter Training Academy  Barnsley College  Bespoke Consultancy and Education Limited  Blackburn College  Dawn Hodge Associates Limited  Essential Learning Company Limited  Expanse Group Limited  GP Strategies Training Limited  Learning Curve Group Limited  Lifetime Training Group Limited  Macclesfield College  MBKB Training  Remit Group  Rochdale Training  Skills Training UK  South Cheshire College  The Big Life Company  The Care Learning Centre  The Growth Company  Total People Limited  University of Chester  Vision West Nottinghamshire |
| Lot 6 - Hospitality & Catering | Acorn Training  Barnsley College  Blackburn College  HIT Training Limited  Invisage Ltd/ Ingeus UK  Learning Curve Group Limited  Lifetime Training Group  Macclesfield College  North Lancashire Training Group  Remit Group  South Cheshire College  Total People Limited  Vision West Nottinghamshire |
| Lot 7 - Sales, Marketing & Procurement | Acorn Training  Axia Solutions Limited  Blackburn College  Macclesfield College  Rochdale Training  South Cheshire College  Total People Limited |
| Lot 8 - Degree and Masters Level Qualifications | Acorn Training  Barnsley College  Blackburn College  Liverpool John Moores University  Manchester Metropolitan University  QA Limited  Rochdale Training  South Cheshire College  The Growth Company  University of Chester |
| Lot 9 - Miscellaneous (Creative & Design, Facilities Management, Protective Services and Transport & Logistics) | Axia Solutions Limited  Barnsley College  Blackburn College  Macclesfield College  Mantra Learning  North Lancashire Training Group  Rochdale Training  South Cheshire College  Total People Limited |
| Lot 10 - ICT | Acorn Training  Axia Solutions Limited  Baltic Training Services  Barnsley College  Blackburn College  Essential Learning Company Limited  GP Strategies Training Limited  Macclesfield College  Manchester Metropolitan University  North Lancashire Training Group  PM Training  QA Limited  Remit Group  Rochdale Training  Skills Training UK Limited  South Cheshire College  Total People Limited  Training Synergy |