**Community Activities Provider Engagement Event 8th December 2022**

Community activity services provide meaningful activities for people with care and support needs, including people with a learning disability, autistic people and those with mental health needs. The Council’s priorities for these services are that:

* people are supported to be as independent as possible, doing things that they choose to do, within their own community;
* carers are supported to continue in their caring role;
* services offer value for money, and pricing is clear and easy to understand

Following a review of these services, it has been decided to go to tender for a new provider framework for community activity services for adults aged 18-65. The framework will be launched for new referrals to these services from May 2023, and the tender will be open for applications in January and February 2023.

We are inviting provider organisations to join us on Thursday 8th December, 1.30-3.30pm, at the County Council offices on Plough Lane, Hereford, to discuss the new framework and the procurement process.

The agenda for this meeting is below.

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Review of community activity services – context and reasons for procurement
3. Framework approach:
   1. structure of the Lots by activities
   2. performance monitoring
4. Tender process:
   1. timescales
   2. evaluation – quality, pricing and social value
5. Any other questions?

The tender will be advertised on our procurement portal. If you are not yet registered on the portal, you can do that here: [www.supplyingthespouthwest.org.uk](http://www.supplyingthespouthwest.org.uk).

Please let us know if you are attending using the messaging service.