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RE [REDACTED] framework for skills provision for over-16-year-olds - tender opportunity  
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Hi [REDACTED]

Yes, I think the Partnership is about figuring out how to cooperate more effectively, align things better and simplify access to relevant services for residents. But I'm also thinking about it from a funding point of view. [REDACTED] have said that they would like the Employment Partnerships to be involved in the delivery of UKSPF "People and Skills" – but we don't know yet what this could look like in practice.

Cheers

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Sent: 02 December 2022 13:26

To: [REDACTED] @newcastle.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: [REDACTED] for skills provision for over-16-year-olds - tender opportunity

Thank you [REDACTED]

I have emailed the [REDACTED] in an attempt for more clarity.

Re the "Employment Partnership", I had thought it was more info gathering by the Council on what providers think the needs and issues are, to see that these align/can inform the Council's priorities, rather than a grouping of interested "bidders". Have I misunderstood?



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**From:** [REDACTED] [@newcastle.gov.uk>](mailto:@newcastle.gov.uk)

**Sent:** 02 December 2022 06:45

**To:** [REDACTED] [therecruitmentjunction.com>](mailto:therecruitmentjunction.com)

**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED] for skills provision for over-16-year-olds - tender opportunity

Hi [REDACTED]

Yes, your project has performed fantastically well!!! Thank you so much for all the effort you and the team have put into it.

Apparently [REDACTED] held an event about this procurement opportunity on 7<sup>th</sup> Nov but I didn't know about it and didn't go – there's a presentation from the event and Q&A on their website. At the event last week they made a passing comment about this framework so I thought to look for it and try to understand more. I think from the Council point of view, we're also trying to understand how this is all going to link with the Employment Partnership that we're setting up in Newcastle – have you been involved in this work? If not, I'll ask [REDACTED] who is looking after this on our team, to add your email address to the distribution list.

Cheers



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**To:** [REDACTED] [\[REDACTED\]@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:@newcastle.gov.uk)

**Subject:** for skills provision for over-16-year-olds - tender opportunity

Hi

Thank you for this – seemingly newly released and after our meeting with them at St James' last week???

(We're delighted btw to be the first CLLD project to hit full outputs targets, and we have now hit full results targets too, how exciting!)

I have signed up to the procurement portal and registered interest in the opportunity, and noted the very tight deadline.

Beyond that, do I understand that Newcastle Council is “none the wiser” beyond what you are sharing here?!?!

Thank you



**From:** [REDACTED] [\[REDACTED\]@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:@newcastle.gov.uk)

**Sent:** 01 December 2022 19:14

To:



[REDACTED] for over-16-year-olds - tender opportunity

Dear CLLD projects,

Just a short message to let you know about a procurement exercise that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] are currently undertaking. They are planning to set up a framework of providers to deliver skills provision for over 16 year olds. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of 7 lots:

- Lot 1: Devolved Adult Skills Fund (Adult Education Budget)
- Lot 2: Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs
- Lot 3: Skills Bootcamps
- Lot 4: UKSPF People & Skills and Multiply
- Lot 5: Skills for Growth
- Lot 6: Place and Innovation
- Lot 7: Skills Support for the Workforce

My understanding is that they are planning to use different sources of funding (like AEB and UKSPF) to join up skills and training offer in the region by setting up and using this framework for up to 4 years (from Mar23). The estimated combined value of all lots [REDACTED]. Deadline for submitting tenders is 12noon on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022.

This is a link to NTCA website where they explain a bit more about it – [here](#).

This is a link to the tender opportunity on the [REDACTED] – [here](#).

To be honest I don't know much more than that, so if you have detailed questions, please contact [REDACTED] directly or [REDACTED] who is looking after this procurement exercise on behalf of [REDACTED]

I'm looking at this as I'm trying to understand how [REDACTED] is planning to deliver UKSPF – so if you're interested in UKSPF, it would probably be better to be on the framework for Lot 4 than not. The tender notice says that in lot 4 the minimum contract value will be [REDACTED] – so they must be anticipating contracts for small and medium size organisations. Annual value of lot 4 may be as much as [REDACTED] that in UKSPF's People and Skills theme there's £ [REDACTED] altogether, I'm wondering if NTCA may want to allocate most monies via this framework. This is of course just my assumption – so please don't quote me on this. I just wanted to draw your attention to this tender opportunity so that you may consider if this is something suitable for your organisation.

Hope this helps.

Cheers,  
[REDACTED]



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