

Open Framework for Adult Learning and Skills for West Sussex 2024-2032

1. Framework background

West Sussex County Council are creating a new Open Framework for Adult Learning and Skills to onboard delivery partners.

The framework is to support the Council to be able to quickly respond to grant and other funding opportunities to enable the delivery of adult learning and training to the public and employees of businesses across the entire county of West Sussex.

The multi-lotted Framework will launch on 29 November 2024 and will remain open for new applications from this launch date for the entire 8-year duration of the Framework. The Framework will be subject to the following award procedures:

- Mini-Competition
- Direct Award

It is anticipated most awards will be done through the Mini-Competition process however all awards through the framework will vary based on funding source and grant conditions and some awards may require to be awarded and delivered very quickly due to the timing constraints placed on the Council by the funding conditions.

We are seeking engagement from all types of training organisations including Further Education Colleges, Universities, and other educational establishments as well as private sector and voluntary/community sector delivery partners. We are also seeking engagement from Employer Representative Groups.

2. Applying to the Framework

If your organisation is interested in applying to become a supplier on the Open Framework, please follow the link to or e-sourcing portal: [Atamis Portal - Registration](#)

Guides and contact information for technical assistance can be found on this page.

From the landing page, select the link "View Published Opportunities" where you can search for "Adult Learning and Skills Framework (C18960)".

3. Framework Lots

The Open Framework is lotted by programme type. When applying, suppliers will need to select which Lots they wish to apply for:

The Lots on the Framework are:

- Lot 1: Skills Bootcamps
- Lot 2: Adult Skills
- Lot 3: Community/Tailored Learning
- Lot 4: Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs
- Lot 5: Skills for Life and Work Projects
- Lot 6: 16-19 Programmes
- Lot 7: Family Learning and Parenting

At this time, we anticipate the first competition to run through the Framework will be for Skills Bootcamps early in 2025.

4. Framework documents (available once registered)

- Specification
- Open Framework Terms and Conditions
- Call-Off Contract Terms
- Adult Learning Accountability Agreement

5. Framework suppliers

The list of successful suppliers appointed to the Open Framework will be updated on a quarterly basis.

6. Awarded contracts

The list of awarded call-off contracts under the Open Framework will be updated on a quarterly basis.