

Overview of the application process

The application process will consist of two stages, as set out below:

Stage 1 is open to all potential applicant(s).

Stage 1 - Expression of Interest phase	Timescale (2007)
Stage 1 tender launch date	Thursday 21 June
Derby Centre tender briefing event – Derby Conference Centre, London Road, Derby	Thursday 28 June 1pm onwards
Question and answer phase – potential applicants may submit questions	Up to Thursday 5 July
Submission of Expression of Interest forms	Thursday 19 July
EOI forms appraised against essential criteria and Stage 2 applicant(s) selected	Friday 20 to Wednesday 25 July
Formal invite to submit tender to Stage 2 applicants and feedback to unsuccessful Stage 1 applicants	Wednesday 25 July

Stage 2 will only be open to successful applicants identified in Stage 1 of the process.

Stage 2 – Full tender phase	Timescale (2007)
Stage 2 tender launch date	Wednesday 25 July
Briefing session for Stage 2 applicants – including an opportunity to discuss delivery options with Derby Advice	Wednesday 8 August
Question and answer phase – potential applicants may submit questions	Up to Wednesday 22 August
Submission of full tenders	Friday 21 September
Applications appraised against desirable criteria	Wednesday 26 September
Presentation and interviews of applicants	Thursday 27 September
Successful applicant selected	Friday 28 September
Feedback to unsuccessful applicants(s)	Friday 28 September
Contract negotiation with preferred tenderer	From Friday 28 September