

WYRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

> OCCASIONAL REQUIREMENTS. . .

Situated on the picturesque rural South Lancashire coast, Wyre Council is responsible for the upkeep of dozens of local parks and recreational areas as well as several unique visitor destinations.

Without a large volume of planned regular work, Wyre needed to find a flexible procurement system that could help it operate efficiently on an ad hoc basis while providing quick and simple access to locally based contractors. The Council needed to adopt a system that would replace approved suppliers, as it no longer had the time and resources to maintain a list or undertake the regular checks required.

> FLEXIBLE BENEFITS . . .

“We sometimes won’t need a contractor for two or three months at a time,” explains procurement officer Allan Williams, “and so we didn’t need to maintain a regular supplier list. But with so much time often passing between projects, we then had to go back to the drawing board when it came to pre-qualifying our suppliers to ensure they had remained compliant in the interim.”

Allan and his team adopted Constructionline so that Wyre could quickly establish whether a contractor was fit for purpose as and when they needed to. Allan continues: “It wasted our time and our suppliers’ to have to keep going over the same PQQ procedures, Constructionline eliminated this problem.” After establishing themselves as a buyer Wyre soon discovered that by streamlining its PQQ process, and using the its supplier portal - the CHEST - in conjunction with Constructionline’s Opportunities Notice Board (ONB) to advertise available projects to the broadest possible group of qualified contractors.

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The CHEST and “Constructionline’s ONB gives us the means of advertising the work we have available to a large audience of local, fully qualified suppliers which allows us to distribute our work fairly among those that are able to complete it. We also had step-by-step support from our Client Relationship Manager, Michael Waddington who was on hand to ensure we were getting the most value from the service.”

Wyre was also able to leave its door open to local suppliers that weren’t registered with Constructionline by adopting an equivalent PQQ form. This gave its contractors the option to use the same form to register with the service as and when it suited them.



// COMPANY PROFILE

Areas of operation:
Wyre, Lancashire

Type of work:
Public realm, landscaping, play schemes and maintenance

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