

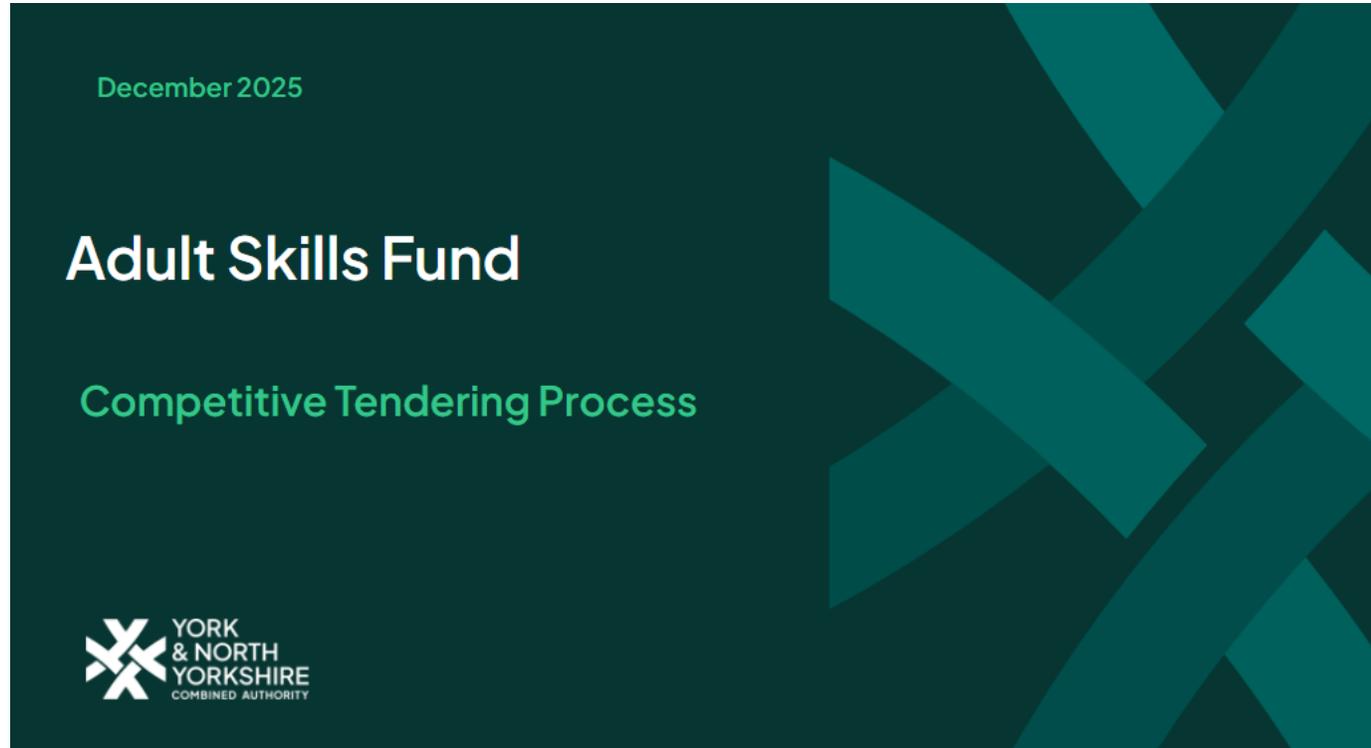
February 2026

Adult Skills Fund

Competitive Tendering
Process 2026



December's Webinar



- An introduction to the Crown Commercial Service Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS)
- Information about advice and assistance available

<https://yorknorthyorks-ca.gov.uk/project/adult-skills-fund/>

Anticipated Procurement Timescales

December 2025 – February 2026	Suppliers Appointed to DPS
February / March 2026	Tender Exercise
April / May 2026	Scoring
May / June 2026	Notification of Award
June / July 2026	Issuing Contracts
June / July 2026	Inception / Mobilisation
August 2026	Contract Start Date

Please Note - all timescales are subject to change.
Communication will be issued if major milestones change.

Learning Programmes to be Procured



- Free Course for Jobs Level 3 Learning Programmes
- 3 Lots
- Aligned to the YNYCA Local Growth Plan Competitive Advantage Sectors



- Sectoral Progression Pathway Programmes
- 7 Lots
- Aligned to the YNYCA Local Growth Plan Competitive Advantage Sectors – plus Construction and Health & Social Care



Local Growth Plan



York and North Yorkshire
Local Growth Plan
Driving transformative growth
for the UK in the north

- ✕ Feeding
- ⚡ Healing
- 💡 Powering
- 🔗 Connecting
- 🎯 Inspiring
- 🛡️ Protecting
- & Growing the UK

Competitive Advantage Sectors



Food and Farming Innovation

- Increased adoption of technology to improve efficiencies
- Increased resilience and production levels through innovation and new methods of farming
- Increased inward investment and trade, building on a strong Yorkshire brand.



Clean Energy

- Increased deployment of clean energy
- Increase and stimulate the supply chain / job creation



Engineering Biology and Life Sciences

- Increased commercialisation / embedding academic research into industry
- Increased inward investment and northern cluster development
- Increase the supply of talent



Rail Innovation & Secure Technologies:

- Increased innovation and product development, leading to greater commercialisation
- Increased inward investment and cluster development



Creative Industries

- Increased R&D, innovation and product/service development
- Increased start-ups, scale-ups and northern cluster development
- Increased supply of talent

<https://yorknorthyorks-ca.gov.uk/our-strategy/localgrowthplan/>

Adult Skills Fund Strategic Skills Plan



Widen Access & Participation: ASF as a gateway to learning and progression



Embed Basic & Transferable Skills: ASF providing foundations to higher skills and employment



Unlock Progression Pathways and Underutilised Talent: ASF providing routes to higher skills and better paid jobs



Develop Flexible Provision: to meet the needs of learners and businesses



Build Capacity and Capability: to enable an integrated, flexible and responsive provider base



Enable Effective Collaboration: partnership working between providers

<https://yorknorthyorks-ca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/ASF-Strategic-Skills-Plan-25-28-200625.pdf>

Adult Skills and Learning DPS



- Crown Commercial Service
- Dynamic Purchasing System
- Adult Skills and Learning (RM6348)

<https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/dps?fh=1>



CCS DPS Minimum Requirements

- Cyber Essentials basic certification
- Minimum insurance requirements:
 - Employer's liability insurance of £5,000,000
 - Public liability insurance of £5,000,000
 - Professional indemnity insurance of £1,000,000
- Compliance with the Supplier Code of Conduct and Modern Slavery Act
- Pass a Financial Viability and Risk Assessment (FVRA)
- Provide a valid UK Provider Reference Number (UKPRN) from the UK Register of Learning Providers
- Agree to help contracted buyers to achieve their social value objectives

Advertising Our Opportunity

- When York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority advertises our opportunities, we will use the DPS filters to generate a list of suppliers using delivery location filters:

Yorkshire and The Humber

- East Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire
- North Yorkshire
- South Yorkshire
- West Yorkshire

- If you have selected the right filter you will receive an alert of this which will then allow you to view the tender and if interested, submit a bid. All relevant information will be included in the invitation to tender.
- Any clarifications you wish to raise must be raised through the CCS system, during the tender period. York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority will not be able to respond to clarifications outside of the system and past the deadline. All suppliers on the DPS must be given the same information, and the same opportunity.

Helpful Links

- YNYCA December 2025 webinar link:
<https://yorknorthyorks-ca.gov.uk/project/adult-skills-fund/>
- Please use the below link to start your signing up process:
<https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/organisation/register>
- If you are already registered sign in to your account via the below link:
<https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/login>.
- The following will take you direct to the DPS information:
<https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/dps#learning>

Helpful Links

- The following will take you to clarifications already raised, and the workspace where you can raise clarifications. Unless commercially sensitive, this will be a public Q&A:

<https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/dashboard/clarifications?cid=%40JNT08%3DUFVWVVR6Sk5lazA9Nj>

- RM6348 Quick supplier guide - How to apply (included in Bid Pack)

<https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/dps/RM6348>

- CCS Enquiries Service Desk: info@crowcommercial.gov.uk

- Technical support can be accessed through the Support Portal at via the links in the Bid Pack

Thank you

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