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## Key Information

Framework Start Date 04/01/2022

Current End Date 03/07/2025

## Framework Suppliers

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This Agreement is for the supply of printed books, e-books and related materials:  
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## Call Off Method

There are several ways to call-off from this agreement:

### 1. Direct award

A direct award to any supplier named on the Lot is permitted. If not awarding to the top-scoring supplier then due diligence and objective justification for the decision should be recorded internally.

### 2. Conduct a desktop exercise

Institutions may use a desktop calculator to amend any criterion by up to 20 percentage points to reflect their local requirements. This tool is available on Hunter and, based on the institution amended weightings, will then recalculate the total overall score. Once complete, you should place your contract with the highest scoring supplier.

### 3. Further competition

Institutions wishing to undertake a further-competition may do so. All the supplier(s) appointed must be invited to submit responses to the institution's further-competition tender document.

You can find further guidance to calling off in the Buyer's Guide.

## Responsible Procurement

Responsible Procurement is an important element for this agreement and has been introduced as a distinct criteria in the evaluation, weighted at 10% of the overall score. Members wishing to give further importance to this criterion can raise the weighting to a maximum of 30% using the desktop calculator method of calling off. Suppliers were asked questions covering the following areas:

Fair wages

The Equality Act 2010

Reduction of carbon emissions

Compliance with appropriate financial and tax regulations

Whistleblowing

Enhancing student employability

Promoting a mentally healthy workplace and workforce (for information only)

## Added Value

For further information, please refer to the [Buyers Guide](#)

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