Norfolk County Council is putting together a Framework Agreement contract for its Highways team that it is looking to make available to schools in Norfolk. Schools within Norwich City unfortunately aren't included in this framework agreement as Norwich City is responsible for its own Highways functions.

The Framework will include lots for maintenance and emergency clearance of trees, and hedge and verge trimming. NCC will supply a catalogue to schools that sign an access agreement and a confidentiality agreement, which will include prices and details of the areas tree surgeons etc on the Framework operate. This will mean that if you have a tree that needs trimming, or a tree that has fallen on your land that you are liable for clearing, or some verges or hedges that need trimming, then you can raise an order with a contractor on the Framework Agreement at a price already quoted in the Framework Catalogue, and know that the person coming to do it is qualified and suitably insured too.

No fees would be chargeable to other users of the framework by Norfolk County Council, but companies on the framework who are awarded work will be required to give NCC a small rebate to contribute towards administering the framework.

If anyone is interested in using this contract when it is launched please email <u>claire.dawson@norfolk.gov.uk</u> by 27<sup>th</sup> March.

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