

Report on	Mobile Catering Concessions
Date of Meeting	Thursday 14 th January 2021
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek member's approval to procure mobile concession Grab & Go catering services at selected council owned/managed venues and public Parks.
	Background
2.1	Mobile Catering is recognised as the act of selling prepared food or drink from a vehicle or trailer and is often referred to as street food. Mobile catering can offer a wide range of hot/cold food, confectionery and drink options to the passing public. Mobile catering has become especially popular at outdoor venues and green spaces such as town and country parks and in normal times, can provide support of festivals or other events that require a food or drink source for visitors.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Café and catering concessions across the council parks service collapsed as a result of Covid-19. Catering entrepreneurs have responded to current opportunities with pop-up mobile catering units in public spaces offering Grab & Go services. This approach complies with Covid-19 restrictions as they generally operate in outdoor environments and have the capacity to ensure effective social distancing. Council have been approached by a number of potential providers in relation to offering mobile concession services in public parks. Parks Service have had on hold plans to roll out mobile catering concessions. Taking into consideration current and medium term options for public facing services it is now considered a feasible approach towards fulfilling a current service gap across selected public parks and visitor destinations.
3.1	Mobile caterers are regularly inspected by their local environmental health service to make sure they comply with food safety and food standards legislation. The Food Standards Agency (FSA) has produced guidance on food safety management systems for mobile caterers to ensure compliance with food safety legislation and the achievement of best practice.

<p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p>	<p>It is proposed to seek the appointment of a number of mobile service providers for public facing catering services through an open public tender exercise based on current procurement policy and in line with food safety regulations. Catering providers will be required to comply with current Access NI checks as a condition of the procurement exercise. Tender specification Terms and Conditions are included in the Appendix.</p> <p>Individual Mobile Catering Contracts will be valid for an initial period of 6 months with an option to extend for a further two, 6-month periods subject to satisfactory performance. Tendering parties will be invited to make submissions for either single or multiple venues. The council are proposing to offer mobile catering contracts across significant footfall venues, sample locations as listed, subject to amendments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dungannon Park • Ballyronan Marina • Knockmany Forest • Brantry Wood / Game Keepers Lodge • Pomeroy Forest • Portglenone Riverside Path/angling amenity/NewFerry • Washingbay Wetlands Park • Round lake Fivemiletown
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Other Considerations</p>
<p>4.1</p>	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial: Income generation opportunity based on tendered submissions per location.</p> <p>Human: Effective communication with the concession providers will ensure that services are monitored regularly and delivered to the required standards.</p> <p>Risk Management: Parks Manager will monitor services with the catering providers and address any inconsistencies with a view to these being resolved promptly. An evaluation process will be built into service delivery to ensure that performance feedback is regularly received to address concerns (if any) immediately. Successful tenders will be required to enter into a catering agreement for each site location with Mid Ulster District Council.</p>
<p>4.2</p>	<p>Screening & Impact Assessments</p> <p>Equality & Good Relations Implications: In line with current Mid Ulster District Council policies.</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications: In line with current Mid Ulster District Council policies.</p>
<p>5.0</p>	<p>Recommendation(s)</p>
<p>5.1</p>	<p>Members are requested to note the content of this report.</p>

5.2	Members approval is sought to procure mobile catering concessions for Grab & Go services across selected Council owned/managed venues for an initial period of 6 months with the option to extend for a further two, 6 month periods subject to satisfactory performance and subject to terms and conditions of a Catering Agreement.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Tender specification Terms and Conditions Appendix.