



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Parks and Leisure Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Franchise Catering at Leisure Centres
<b>Date:</b>	10 April 2008
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Hassard, Director of Parks and Leisure
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### Relevant Background Information

At their meeting on 13 March 2008, Members of the Parks and Leisure Committee considered recommendations relating to the procurement of franchise catering services at the Council's Leisure Centres.

At this meeting Members requested that legal opinion be sought regarding the cessation of a current procurement exercise which was designed to offer franchise catering on a service wide basis.

### Key Issues

Legal opinion has now been received referring to clause 18 in the advertised procurement terms which states that 'the Council reserves the right not to award a contract to any tenderer under this process'.

The legal opinion received therefore has advised that the Council may stop the current procurement process.

It is therefore proposed to cease the current procurement process and that all leisure centre franchise catering contracts should be let on a site by site basis as and when contracts become available or are about to expire.

### Resource Implications

#### Financial

The letting of franchised catering contracts at leisure centres will represent an income to the Council, the extent of which is dependant upon proposals received.

<b>Recommendations</b>
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It is recommended that the procurement process is not progressed further and that all leisure centre franchise catering contracts be let on a site by site basis as and when contracts become available or are about to expire.
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<b>Key to Abbreviations</b>
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<b>Documents Attached</b>
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