



Subject:	Catering facilities in our parks
Date:	6 th February 2018
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The Parks and Leisure Committee in August 2013 agreed to establish pilot projects in four parks through a public expression of interest process to gauge the uptake and assess if further outlets could be provided in other sites.
1.2	The pilot took some time to set up due to planning permission and license requirement and the department have now had the chance to review the impact of the pilot.

2.0	Recommendations
	Note the contents of the report.
3.0	Main report
3.1 3.2 3.3 3.4	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>An expression of interest took place in April 2015 in relation to the above pilots however expression of interests were only received for 2 of the 4 sites Waterworks and Cherryvale. The term of those agreements is now ending and the department has reviewed the level of income received and the level of administration required to manage the agreements.</p> <p>Other arrangements already in existence over many years were also looked at in relation to hot food concessions and ice cream concessions. The department assessed that the fixed fee did not provide value for money and that an additional variable commission fee should also be applied as it better reflected the opportunity being provided.</p> <p>The current concession arrangements are due to end in March 2018 and the department has started an expression of interest processed based on this new approach for a 3 year period to commence on 1st April 2018. The sites identified in the original pilot are to be included as are sites that have had existing hot food and ice cream concessions – This includes, but not exclusively, Belmont Park, Botanic Gardens, Cavehill Adventurous Playground, Cherryvale Park, City of Belfast Playing Fields, Drumglass Park, Dunville Park, Falls Park, Grove Playing Fields, Musgrave Park, Ormeau Park, Sir Thomas & Lady Dixon Park, Victoria Park, Waterworks, Woodvale Park. Proposals for other sites will be assessed and we have highlighted that this opportunity is open to both start-up, and established businesses. The advertisement has stated that the Council welcomes new and innovative ideas therefore the above categories should only be regarded an indication of our requirements. Submissions will be evaluated over the next few weeks for arrangements to start in April. Any additional proposals for sites outside of existing ones will be considered through the AWGs and then confirmed by Committee</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>Income from concessions would be reflected in 2018 revenue estimates however it is hoped that the new model will provide for additional income to be generated.</p>

3.5	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> There are no equality or Good relations implications.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 - P&L Report August 2013