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Tender

Tender 08/2025 - Appointment of a suitably experienced Café and Mobile Vendor Operator at Castlewellan Forest Park, Castlewellan, Co Down.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (NMD)

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Scope

Reference

CA17016

Description

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (the “Council”) manage Castlewellan Forest Park.

In partnership with the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Council are nearing completion of a major construction project to redevelop the Walled Garden and historic Grange buildings, including a new 2-storey Café, Visitor Information Centre, Education Centre, Event Space and refurbished public toilets.

In preparation for project completion, Council now wishes to appoint a suitably experienced caterer to operate the new Café and to provide a supporting mobile vending service in the adjoining car park. The aim of the mobile vending service is to help meet

demand at peak visitor periods. The contract is anticipated to commence on a phased basis from Sunday 1st April 2026.

Total value (estimated)

- £1 excluding VAT
- £1.20 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2036
- 10 years

Description of possible extension:

Maximum 7 extensions of 12 months per extension.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 55500000 - Canteen and catering services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

2 February 2026, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

6 February 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
As per Tender Documentation	As per Tender Documentation	Price	60.0%
As per Tender Documentation	As per Tender Documentation	Quality	40.0%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Contracting authority

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (NMD)

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Organisation type: Public undertaking (commercial organisation subject to public authority oversight)