



Subject:	Match Day Provision of Tea and Coffee at Pitch sites
Date:	8 th September 2026
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After Committee Decision	☐
After Council Decision	☐
Sometime in the future	☐
Never	☐

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes ☒ No ☐

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
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1.1	To update members on the growing requests from sports clubs and site users for tea and coffee provision for those attending matches at council pitch sites. To make members aware of current informal and unregulated provision and to seek guidance on preferred course of action to regularise such provision.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	That members consider supporting in principle the provision of tea and coffee at matches through the means suggested and subject to the conditions as outlined below.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Through regular engagement with sports clubs officers are being advised that there is a growing opinion among match goers that provision of basic hot drinks is a reasonable expectation. Anecdotal reports suggest this type of basic service is being offered already by some clubs at a number of our sites. Whilst officers plan to explore the extent of unauthorised provision of refreshments at council sites during the new season, we would like to gauge members opinion on this issue.
3.2	If members were to agree that this type of service is a reasonable expectation, officers could look to a commercial supplier. However, whilst many of our larger parks include a publicly advertised franchise opportunity for provision of refreshments, pitch sites are less commercially attractive. Officers suggest that in the next procurement round a specific match day offer could be included for the relevant site. The next procurement is scheduled for the 27-28 financial year.
3.3	In the interim, if members are supportive, officers would anticipate identifying and regularising any existing operations and extending permission to interested clubs at sites across the council estate subject to the following conditions: • That no additional capital funding will be made available for the purchase of containers or modular buildings from which to deliver such a service. • That no new containers would be permitted solely for this purpose. • That Council will not financially support physical alterations being made to Council premises to facilitate this, for example installation of hatches or provision of power and water supplies. • That clubs are fully compliant with all relevant legislation regarding Health and Safety, Public Liability and Food Safety. • The service would be available only during match times and not open to the general public on a day to day basis.
4.0	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u>

	• The provision of this type of service on match days could generate a small income for any club choosing to provide the service themselves. It would be the intention that income would be retained by the club but that usage figures and income would be reported so that officers can monitor demand. • Any club choosing to provide the service must do so at nil cost to Council. • If members wished to include the commercial opportunity for match day provision in the next procurement round, this would be open to a competitive process with an income returning to Council. • Advice and guidance regarding Health and Safety and Food Safety will be required from relevant services within the Council <u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are no known equality or good relations/rural needs assessment associated with this report at this time.
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	None