

<b>Appointment of Franchisee for Benone Bistro Catering Services</b>	<b>9<sup>TH</sup> August 2016</b>
<b>To: Leisure and Development Committee For Information</b>	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Theme</b>	Contributing to Prosperity
<b>Outcome</b>	Increasing revenue through provision of additional tourism service.
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Richard Baker - Director of Leisure & Development Peter Thompson – Head of Recreation and Tourism
<b>Cost: (If applicable)</b>	Income £3k p/a

**The purpose of this report is to update Members on the appointment of a franchisee for the bistro at Benone Complex.**

### **Background**

Council owns a café/restaurant facility at the Benone Tourism Complex, (known as the Bistro) and after the termination of the licence agreement with the previous franchisee, has sought to obtain a new operator at this site.

Expressions of Interest and a request for submissions were advertised for the 'Provision of Catering Services' within the Bistro restaurant at Benone. The closing date was 3rd June 2016. Three Tender submissions were returned by the closing date, and were assessed by the General Manager for Caravan Parks and the Council's Procurement Officer. The Tender was initially awarded to Mr Steven Friel and Mr Ronan Higgins, who subsequently withdrew their offer on 16th June 2016. The Tender was then re-awarded to Ms Rebekah January, who opened for business on 2nd July 2016. The franchise offer is £3,000 per annum, with the franchisee being responsible for all utility costs.

### **Outcome of Procurement Process**

The provision of Catering Services has therefore been awarded to Ms Rebekah January for an initial period of three years with an option to renew for a further two years, based on the satisfactory delivery of the service in the initial franchise period. (Tenancy is subject to the franchisee complying with the conditions of the Lease.)