

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY



Expressions of interest are invited from individuals or businesses with experience in the catering or hospitality trade who are interested in operating the refreshment / café / bar facility within Dumfries Ice Bowl, King Street, Dumfries.

Dumfries Ice Bowl is a well-established and busy leisure venue attracting an average annual footfall of approximately 250,000 visitors. The facility serves a diverse customer base throughout the year, hosting a wide range of activities and occasions, including daily public skating sessions, figure & synchro skating, curling competitions and leagues, ice hockey training and fixtures, birthday parties, group bookings, school visits, and seasonal or special events. This consistent and varied programme ensures regular and reliable customer demand across weekdays, evenings, and weekends.

The available kitchen, bar and seating area provides an excellent opportunity to offer quality food, drinks, and snacks to customers using the Ice Bowl facilities. There is flexibility for the successful operator to propose a suitable service model, menu style, and operating hours, in consultation with Ice Bowl management, to complement the existing programme and maximise trading potential.

Interested parties will be expected to demonstrate:

- A commitment to providing high-quality service
- Relevant catering or hospitality experience
- A sound business plan outlining the proposed operation
- Ability to begin trading within an agreed timescale
- Holding (or the ability to obtain) all relevant licences and certifications required to operate a café/bar facility, including food hygiene and, where applicable, alcohol licensing
- Rental terms will be discussed with applicants, and the successful operator will be offered a License to Occupy and be expected to meet a reasonable service charge covering rates and utilities. The Operator will be solely responsible for the management of the commercial waste associated by their operation.

Final submissions, including proposed rental terms, should be submitted by 5pm on 31 July 2026 to icebowl@dumgal.gov.uk.