



Expressions of Interest - Art Gallery & Bantock House Museum Cafés

The Council is currently undertaking two refurbishment projects within the Wolverhampton Art Gallery and Bantock House Museum.

The Art Gallery project includes the creation a new café / restaurant area and the Bantock House Museum project is to extend the existing café / tea room.

The Council is considering how the future operation of these two facilities may be undertaken and is seeking expressions of interest from providers in these potential opportunities.

Wolverhampton Art Gallery

The visitor figures to the existing Art Gallery Café from April 2016 to March 2017 were 99,115. During that year the main entrance was partially closed and this impacted on visitor figures. From April 2017 to November 2017 the visitor numbers were 89,780.

Further information about the Art Gallery, including opening hours etc can be found at <http://www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk/visit/wolves/>

The new Café / Restaurant area will be 145 sq metres located on the ground floor, with an adjacent 18 sq metre Dining area. A 52 sq metre Kitchen is located adjacent to the café / restaurant area with a basement freezer/fridge and storage area connected with a lift. The design parameters are to provide for 80 to 90 covers.

The Café / Restaurant area can be securely separated from the rest of the gallery which provides the opportunity for different opening hours.

Bantock House Museum

The visitor figures to Bantock House Museum from April 2016 to April 2017 were 33,686. From April 2017 to November 2017 the visitor numbers have been 21,115. These figures are for visitors to the house only, it is believed that visitors to the café will be higher as many people come only to use these facilities and do not necessarily visit the house.

Further information about Bantock House Museum, including opening hours etc can be found at <http://www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk/visit/bantock/>

There is an existing Café / Tea room and the project is to extend this and create an outdoor seating area. The details are currently being developed.

How to respond?

If you are interested in discussing either of these potential opportunities then register on the Council's e-tendering website at www.wolverhamptontenders.com

There is a short questionnaire to complete about your organisation and your initial views.

Responses should be made by 4pm on 31st January 2018 at the latest.

Note: This is not a procurement process and the Council is not bound to award a contract in connection with this exercise