

FOOD & BEVERAGE OPPORTUNITY

MARPLE HUB

A café concession at the heart of a new community landmark

The £20m hub brings together a five-lane swimming pool, modern library, fitness suite, cafe and a brand new home for Marple Clinic. This is an exciting opportunity for a cafe operator to sit at the heart of this new facility.

155m² café

50 covers

Tender closes 14 September 2026

THE LOCATION

Built into a town people already choose to live in

MARPLE HUB

Marple Hub sits inside Marple Memorial Park, in the heart of the town centre. Marple balances a tranquil, semi-rural setting on the edge of the Peak District with the pull of an active, engaged community.

A vibrant high street of independent shops, a neighbourhood cinema and historic attractions already bring healthy daytime footfall — and a growing residential catchment adds a steady, local customer base on top.



Marple Hub, set within Marple Memorial Park in the town centre

24,000

RESIDENTS IN THE SURROUNDING CATCHMENT

One building, every reason to visit



Five-lane pool

Plus splash pad



Library & learning

Community space



60-station gym

EGYM & Matrix



2 studios

Classes daily



Marple Clinic

NHS health services



Changing Places

Accessible facilities



Community rooms

Bookable spaces



Family Hub

Support & services

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A vibrant high street, a neighbourhood cinema and historic attractions already bring healthy daytime footfall — right past your door.

Marple Hub — opening late 2026

THE OPPORTUNITY

A café concession, mostly built

Stockport Active CIC t/a Life Leisure, as agent of Stockport Council, is looking for a partner to run the primary food & beverage offer inside Marple Hub — a modern, all-day, family-orientated concept that's sustainable and promotes a healthy, balanced diet, on the go.

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CAFÉ & SERVERY

50

COVERS, INDOOR & OUTDOOR

7 days

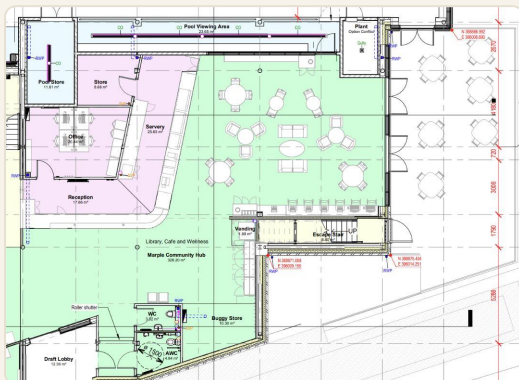
PER WEEK TRADING

What we're asking for

- ✓ 50 covers overlooking the pool, indoor and outdoor seating
- ✓ A genuine grab-and-go offer for time-pressed visitors
- ✓ Quality barista coffee, smoothies, juices and shakes
- ✓ Seven-day operation aligned to Hub opening hours

What you'll start with

- ✓ A partially fitted café, servery and counter — ready for your finishing touches
- ✓ Utilities paid for as part of the agreement
- ✓ A dedicated catering store, plus a supported building induction
- ✓ Help with staff recruitment and training, and monthly check-in meetings



Café & servery footprint

The café and servery sit centre-stage within the wider Marple Community Hub — open onto the pool viewing area, moments from reception and the library, and served by their own store and vending nook. The layout is already zoned for seating, counter service and back-of-house, so fit-out starts with your brand, not a blank shell.

What we're looking for in a café partner

Life Leisure, as agent of Stockport Council, is seeking a café partner capable of delivering a modern, all-day, family-focused food and beverage offer that is environmentally sustainable and supports a healthy, balanced diet. The offer should be suitable for customers to enjoy both within the centre and on the go. We are looking to work with a partner who shares our commitment to social value, including the promotion of sustainability, wellbeing, inclusivity and diversity.

Food & nutrition

- ✓ Support customers in maintaining a healthy, balanced diet
- ✓ Avoid ultra-processed foods wherever possible
- ✓ Enable choices aligned with the Eatwell Guide, limiting foods high in fat, salt and sugar (HFSS)
- ✓ Portion control HFSS foods appropriately
- ✓ No branded refrigeration that promotes sugary drinks
- ✓ HFSS foods must not be included within price-led promotional offers
- ✓ Accommodate a range of dietary requirements, including vegetarian, vegan and plant-based options

Sustainability & waste

- ✓ Consider seasonality and food provenance to help reduce the overall carbon footprint
- ✓ Use local suppliers and providers wherever practical and appropriate
- ✓ Minimise food waste through regular review of consumption and purchasing patterns
- ✓ Collect food waste separately and compost where facilities are available
- ✓ Prioritise reusable options wherever possible
- ✓ No single-use plastics
- ✓ No takeaway packaging for food consumed on site
- ✓ Use recyclable packaging and recycled paper where packaging is required
- ✓ Consider discounts for customers who bring their own reusable coffee cup
- ✓ Make water bottle refills available

An operator who backs you from day one

Life Leisure, as an agent of Stockport Council, has redefined how a community can Live Well, Live Life — transforming from a traditional leisure operator into an advocate for active wellbeing across Stockport. Our purpose is simple: we exist to improve the life of others. Here's what that means for our café partner.

Values-led organisation

Track record of growing participation across our hubs

Utilities paid for as part of the agreement

Regular monthly meetings with the operations team

Partially fitted servery and catering store

Support with recruitment, training and inductions

Tender timeline

1

MON 14 SEPT

Tender submission deadline

2

SEPTEMBER

Mystery visits

3

W/C 21 SEPT

Interview & selection

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BEFORE YEAR END

Marple Hub opens

Ready to bring your café to Marple Hub?

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Submit your EOI & business plan by 14 Sept