

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council invites proposals from suppliers to bid for the supply of a package of fun fair rides that offer good value and create a family friendly event over the Georgian Festival weekend.

The annual Georgian Festival, one of Council's Signature Tourism Events, brings Armagh's Georgian history and stories to life, with a diverse range of events taking place from Thursday, 26 November–Sunday, 29 November 2026 with up to 45,000 attendees on the Saturday. The festival weekend includes stalls featuring a wide range of craft, confectionery and food in the city centre and the Mall on Saturday, 28th November, along with children's activities taking place on the Mall. The free children's entertainment will include traditional fair rides, face painting and traditional Georgian games catering for all ages. There will also be a programme of live music throughout the city centre to enhance the event.

On Friday, 27th, there will be 3 festive family light Shows culminating with the arrival of Santa at 6pm, 7pm and 8pm and on Saturday, 28th there will be festive family light Shows culminating with the arrival of Santa at 5pm, 6pm, 7pm and 8pm. The event will be ticketed and is usually sold out on both nights with 2,000 tickets available per show thereby attracting large numbers coming into the city centre on both evenings and throughout the weekend.

GEORGIAN FESTIVAL – Fun Fair Provision

Friday, 27 November 2026 - 7pm–10pm
Saturday, 28 November 2026 – 11am–10pm
Sunday, 29 November 2026 – 12pm–8pm

SHAMBLES YARD, ARMAGH

DEADLINE for submission of responses is Thursday, 10 September 2026 at 12 noon.

The successful bidder will be required to provide the following:

- for a safe set up, we seek to engage one supplier who will manage and be responsible for the funfair for the duration of the event.
- to provide a package that has a minimum of four rides. Please note that we cannot consider inflatable rides, structures or bungees or trampolines
- to provide a package to be set up in the Shambles Yard, Armagh on Friday, 27 November 2026 after 5pm (after the market closes).

No movement of vehicles on site during opening hours.

Please note that dates and times may be subject to change.

We seek you to bid to supply a fully managed fun fair package that considers the following:-

1. Has a high throughput number of users per hour. **Please detail this figure within your methodology response.**
2. A variety of rides suitable for younger children and teenagers.

We ask that you consider the dimensions of the vehicles that you will use to transport the rides as the entrance to the event site is as follows:-

Shambles Yard from Edward Street – 6.1m wide

Please submit a detailed bid of fun fair rides that you propose to provide from Friday, 27 November – Sunday, 29 November 2025 giving their installed dimensions. Your bid should include a fee for the rental of the venue. Please note that rental income is not our key priority; Council is seeking a package which offers good value for money for families.

A two-stage process will be used to assess quotations for this project.

Suppliers must demonstrate that they meet all of the Selection Criteria in Stage 1, before proceeding to be assessed against the Award Criteria (or Qualitative Criteria) in Stage 2. The Selection Criteria in Stage 1 are Mandatory Requirements therefore failure to meet all or any of these Criteria will result in your bid offer being eliminated from the competition.

STAGE 1	
Selection Criteria	Scoring
1. Please provide copies of your insurances: - £10 million Public Liability Insurance, and, - £5 million Employer's Liability Insurance (if your Company is legally obliged to hold this)	PASS / FAIL
2. Please provide test / inspection certificates for each ride being proposed.	PASS / FAIL
3. Please provide details of 3 similar pieces of work carried out by your organisation in the past 48 months including the contact details of the organisation / person who hired you (as we may contact them for information)	PASS / FAIL
4. Health & Safety Risk Assessment – please provide a sample.	PASS / FAIL
5. Appendices A-H – must be completed and returned.	
STAGE 2	
Award Criteria	Weighting (Total 100%)
1. Please detail your proposed methodology to undertake this contract including timeline, means of approach, details of management team, litter plan, details of installation & dismantling of the rides, throughput per hour and age groups and first aid provision	40%
2. Please provide a site plan with proposed rides and their dimensions	20%
3. Please provide a plan of Staff / Stewards including queue and crowd management	20%
4. Please provide details of a Quiet Hour (to be held on the first hour of opening on Saturday, 28 November 2026 i.e. 11am-12pm) and how this will be managed as well as consideration of appropriate costing for carers / parents required to accompany their children / guardians on rides.	10%
5. Cost (as per pricing schedule) – Appendix I	10%

EVALUATION

Stage 1 To ensure consistency and equity the evaluation panel will assign scores for quality of response to the Mandatory Requirements based on the indicative scoring definitions below:

Fail	Unacceptable - Where the Bidder has failed to sufficiently demonstrate their ability to meet all of the requirement. <i>Supplier will be excluded from the competition.</i>
Pass	Acceptable - Where the Bidder has fully demonstrated their ability to meet all of the requirement.

Stage 2 Each Award Criterion will be scored on a consensus based whole number basis as per the scoring methodology outlined below. The Preferred Bidder will be the bidder who scores the highest weighted score.

This will represent the Most Economic Advantageous ITT (M.E.A.T.).

<i>Assessment</i>	<i>Score</i>
<i>An excellent response which exceeds the requirements in a very comprehensive manner</i>	5
<i>A good response which meets the requirements in a comprehensive manner</i>	4
<i>A satisfactory response but concerns expressed by the Assessment Panel on some aspects</i>	3
<i>Minimal / poor information or inappropriately provided</i>	2
<i>An unsatisfactory response which suggests the applicant will have serious difficulties delivering the Services</i>	1
<i>No information is provided</i>	0

The following formulae will be used to evaluate each item to be assessed for Cost:

Item 1. Highest 'Income Paid to Council' bid will be awarded the maximum score available [5%].

To calculate cost scores for the remaining bid offers, the following formula will be applied.

$$\frac{\text{Suppliers Price}}{\text{Highest Suppliers Price}} \times \% \text{ Weighting} = \text{Weighted Score}$$

Where a zero cost or "Free of Charge" offer is made this offer will be assigned a nominal £1 value for assessment purposes only.

Item 2. Lowest 'Cost per Ride' bid will be awarded the maximum score available [5%]

To calculate cost scores for the remaining bid offers, the following formula will be applied.

$$\frac{\text{Lowest Suppliers Price}}{\text{Suppliers Price}} \times \frac{\% \text{ Weighting}}{100} = \text{Weighted Score}$$

Where a zero cost or "Free of Charge" offer is made this offer will be assigned a nominal £1 value for assessment purposes only.

This will give two weighted scores out of a maximum 5% which will be added together to obtain each Suppliers total score for 'Cost' out of 10%.

In the event that there is a tie-break scenario in total scoring, Council will go to a best and final offer approach and that bidder will be awarded the contract.

Please send your responses by email to jayne.currie@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

Deadline for receipt of responses is Friday, 11 September 2026 at 12 noon.

Council will score responses and inform you of the outcome during the week commencing Monday, 14 September 2026.

The successful Supplier will be invited to attend a site meeting / briefing prior to the event.

A Licence Agreement for the use of the Shambles Yard for the purposes of a Funfair will be made between Council and the successful supplier.

Thank you for your consideration.

APPENDICES

Please Ensure That You Have Read the undernoted Appendices and Completed Where Necessary, before submission

- A Bribery, Collusion and Canvassing Declaration
- B Fair Employment Declaration
- C Freedom of Information Statement
- D Terms and Conditions - Tenders
- E Form of Quotation
- F Safeguarding Policy
- G Complaint Handling Statement
- H Contact Details
- I Pricing Schedule

BRIBERY, COLLUSION & CANVASING DECLARATION TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL COMPANIES

Quotation Title: **Georgian Festival – Fun Fair Provision**

I / We certify that this is a bona fide bid offer and that we have not fixed or adjusted the amount of the quotation by or under or in accordance with any agreement or arrangement with any other person. We also certify that we have not done, and we undertake that we will not do at any time before the hour and date specified for the return of this quotation, any of the following acts: -

- a) Communicate to a person other than the person calling for those quotations, the amount or approximate amount of the proposed bid, except where the disclosure, in confidence, of the approximate amount of the bid was necessary to obtain insurance premium quotations required for the preparation of the bid offer.
- b) Enter into any agreement or arrangement with any other person that he shall refrain from quoting or as to the amount of any quotation to be submitted.
- c) Offer or pay or give or agree to pay or give any sum of money or valuable consideration, directly or indirectly to any person for doing or having done or causing or having caused to be done, in relation to any other bid or proposed bid for the said work, any act or thing of the sort described above.
- d) Engaged in any activity, practice or conduct which would constitute an offence under sections 1, 2 or 6 of the Bribery Act 2010 if such activity, practice or conduct had been carried out in the UK.

In this certificate the word “person” included any persons and anybody or association, corporation or unincorporated and “any agreement or arrangement” included any such transaction, formal or informal and whether legally binding or not.

I / We hereby certify that I / we will / will not comply with all applicable laws, statutes, regulations, and codes relating to anti-bribery and anti-corruption including but not limited to the Bribery Act 2010 (Relevant Requirements).

I / We hereby certify that I / we have not and will not canvas or solicit any Member, Officer or Employee of the Council in connection with the preparation, submission and evaluation of this quotation or award or proposed award of the contract and that to the best of my / our knowledge and belief, no person employed by me / us or acting on my / our behalf has done, or will do, such an act.

I / We hereby certify that, to the best of my / our knowledge and belief, no person who is a Councillor, Officer, Servant or Agent has any direct or indirect interest, in or connection with the Organisation.

I / We

Of (insert
address)

hereby declare that I am / we are in acceptance of the requirements of the Bribery,
Collusion and Canvassing Clauses as detailed above.

Signed By

**Duly authorised to sign for and on
behalf of**

Dated

FAIR EMPLOYMENT DECLARATION TO BE SIGNED BY ALL COMPANIES
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FAIR EMPLOYMENT

DECLARATION AND UNDERTAKING TO BE SIGNED BY ALL CONTRACTORS

ARMAGH CITY, BANBRIDGE & CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL

FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND TREATMENT [NI] ORDER 1998

1. Article 64 of the Fair Employment and Treatment [N.I.] Order 1998 ["the Order"] provides inter alia that a public authority shall not accept an offer to execute any work or supply any goods or services where the offer is made by an unqualified person in response to an invitation by the public authority to submit offers. Article 64 also provides that the Public Authority shall take all such steps as are reasonable to secure that no work is executed or goods or services supplied for the purpose of such contracts as are mentioned above by an unqualified person.
2. An unqualified person is either an employer who, having been in default in the circumstances specified in Article 62(1) of the Order, has been served with a notice by the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland stating he is not qualified for the purposes of Article 64 to 66 of the Order, or an employer who, by reason of connection with an employer on whom has been served a notice to that effect, has also been served with such a notice.
3. Mindful of its obligations under the Order, Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council has decided that it shall be a condition of inclusion or retention as a supplier to the Council that a Contractor shall not be an unqualified person for the purposes of Article 64 to 66 of the Order.
4. Contractors are therefore asked to complete and return the attached Declaration/Undertaking, and shall be required at any stage, before acceptance of a quotation by Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council, to confirm that they are not unqualified persons, and to undertake that no work shall be executed or goods or services supplied by an unqualified person for the purposes of any contract with Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council to which Article 64 of the Order applies.

DECLARATION AND UNDERTAKING

I/We hereby declare that I am/we are not unqualified for the purpose of Article 64 to 66 of the Fair Employment and Treatment (NI) Order 1998.

I/We undertake, forthwith, to inform Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council, should any notice, stating that I am/we are unqualified, be served upon me/us by the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland.

Signed:

Duly authorised to sign for

Dated:

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION STATEMENT TO BE SIGNED BY ALL COMPANIES

Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon District Council (hereafter called 'The Council') is subject to the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Any information, which comes into the possession of the Council, may be subject to disclosure under the provisions of that Act, unless an exemption applies.

In accordance with the Lord Chancellors Code of Practice on the discharge of public functions, the Council will not accept any contractual term that purports to restrict disclosure of information held by the Council in respect of the contract or procurement exercise save as permitted by the Freedom of Information Act. The decision whether to disclose information rests solely with the Council.

By submitting a tender response, Tenderers acknowledge that their response and any further relevant information provided may be disclosed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

In arriving at the decision to disclose information, the Council will take account of the nature of the information, representations made by the Tenderer, exemptions provided for in the Act, and the Public Interest in maintaining the exemption. Therefore, Tenderers are required to highlight information that they include in the procurement documents, which they consider to be commercially sensitive or confidential in nature, and should state the precise reasons, why that view is taken. In particular issues concerning trade secrets and commercial sensitivity should be highlighted. Tenderers should be specific in their representation and are advised against recording unnecessary information.

The Council will endeavour to ensure that, where necessary, any requests under the FOIA relating to the Tenderers' information will be answered in liaison with the Tenderer. The Council accepts no liability for loss as a result of any information disclosed in response to a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

The Council will consider all information provided by Tenderers, up to and including the award of tender, to be of a confidential nature. Beyond this, the provisions of the Act will govern what the Council is obliged to disclose.

The tender process will be deemed to have been completed when the Council has awarded the tender, or the Management Team has decided that the particular procurement exercise is not viable.

I acknowledge Council policy in respect of Freedom of Information.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

I / We consider the information in this tender response is commercially sensitive:	Yes / No (delete as appropriate)
If the information supplied in this tender response is considered commercially sensitive, please state which information should not be disclosed, and provide reasons:	
Please confirm the period for which this information should remain commercially sensitive:	

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

QUOTATION TITLE: Georgian Festival 2026 – Fun Fair Provision

Please ensure that you have read the terms and conditions before completing the following statement.

Our terms and conditions are available to view and download on our website www.armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

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I/We have read the terms and conditions and agree to abide by same.

Signed _____ **Date:** _____

FORM OF QUOTATION TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL COMPANIES

QUOTATION TITLE: Georgian Festival 2026 – Fun Fair Provision

FOR

Name of Supplier

Address:

I/We

having examined the above works, Quotation documentation, hereby quote for and undertake to perform the said services in accordance with the terms of the Quotation documents for the cost of £_____.

Unless and until a formal agreement is prepared and executed this Quotation, together with our written acceptance thereof, shall constitute a binding contract between us.

I/We understand that the Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any Quotation it may receive.

As witness our hand this

day of

Signature(s) of Contractor:

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL COMPANIES

QUOTATION TITLE: Georgian Festival 2026 – Fun Fair Provision

Does your company have its own Safeguarding Policy and Procedures? YES / NO

If No:

Please ensure that you have read the Council's Safeguarding Policy before completing the following statement. You must adhere to Council's Safeguarding Policy and Procedures when using Council facilities. Our Safeguarding Policy and Procedures are available to view and download on our website.

<https://www.armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk/safeguarding/>

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I/We have read the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures and agree to abide by same when using Council facilities.

Have you included your company headed letter detailing vetting compliance as required in order to deliver the specified services? YES / NO

Please confirm that you have responded to all of the above.

Date _____

Authorised signature _____

Position in organisation _____

APPENDIX G

COMPLAINTS HANDLING STATEMENT TO BE SIGNED BY ALL COMPANIES

Where Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council use an Arm's Length External Organisation (ALEO) or Contractor to deliver a service on our behalf we recognise that we remain responsible and accountable for ensuring that the services provided meet our standards (including in relation to complaints). We will either do so by:

- ensuring the contractor complies with Council's Complaint Handling Procedure; or
- ensuring the contractor has their own procedure in place, which fully meets the standards in this procedure. At the end of the investigation stage of any such complaints the contractor must ensure that the customer is signposted to NIPSO.

Council's designated project manager for said projects is responsible for ensuring Council's standards are met. With reference to the below extract from our Complaints Handling Procedure, that if successful your company will comply with this statement, or that you have your own complaints handling procedure which will signpost customers to NIPSO.

EXTRACT:

Complaints about contracted or commissioned services / ALEOs

1. *We may use Arm's Length External Organisations (ALEOs) to deliver certain services. They are 'arm's-length' because we retain a degree of control or influence, usually through a funding agreement, and 'external' because they have a separate identity to us.*
2. *Where we use an ALEO or contractor to deliver a service on our behalf we recognise that we remain responsible and accountable for ensuring that the services provided meet our standards (including in relation to complaints). We will either do so by:*
 - *ensuring the contractor complies with this procedure; or*
 - *ensuring the contractor has their own procedure in place, which fully meets the standards in this procedure. At the end of the investigation stage of any such complaints the contractor must ensure that the customer is signposted to NIPSO.*

Council's designated project manager for said projects is responsible for ensuring standards are met.

3. *Where a complaint about a contractor or ALEO is submitted to NIPSO, NIPSO will treat it as a complaint about **the Council**. Therefore, if a complaint is received by the contractor or ALEO they must inform the Council so that this can be logged.*

4. *We will confirm that service users are clearly informed of the process and understand how to complain. We will also ensure that there is appropriate provision for information sharing and governance oversight where required.*
5. *We retain discretion to investigate complaints about organisations contracted to deliver services on our behalf even where the procedure has normally been delegated.*
6. *Contracted service providers/ALEO's will be required to report back to the Council and share their complaints data relating to the delivery of the contract or commissioned service for monitoring and learning purposes. This will help ensure that we meet our overall governance responsibility for the provision of the service.*

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I/We have read the extract from the Council's Complaints Handling Procedure and agree to abide by same when using delivering services on behalf of the Council.

We will comply with this by applying:

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Council's Complaint Handling Procedures

OR

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Our own procedure, which fully meets the standards of Council's Complaint Handling Procedure, ensuring at the end of investigation stage the customer is signposted to NIPSO.

Date

Authorised signature

Position in organisation

APPENDIX H

CONTACT DETAILS TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL COMPANIES

Please complete this form with your company details and include it with your submission:

Company Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone Number:

**Name of person to contact in
connection with this submission:**

Position in Company:

Telephone Number: [if different from
above]

Email address:

Mobile Telephone number:

Website address:

Number of employees:

Full time:

**Part
time**

**We would invite feedback from companies regarding this Quotation process. Any
suggestions regarding how this exercise might have been improved are welcome:**

APPENDIX I



**Quotation for the Supply of a Package of
Fun Fair Rides for the Georgian Festival 2026**

The Shambles Yard, Armagh

PRICING SCHEDULE

Suppliers must enter a price for each of the requested items in the table below, highlighted in yellow, before returning as part of their quotation submission.

Item No	Assessment	Weighting	PRICE
1.	Income Paid to Council for Rental of Venue – Friday, 27 November – Sunday, 29 November 2026	5%	£
2.	Cost per Ride (to include consideration of appropriate costing for carers/parents required to accompany their children/guardians on rides)	5%	£

Signed for and on behalf of Supplier _____

Dated _____ Print Name _____

Name of Company _____