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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SOUGHT ON CAFÉ CULTURE

Expressions of interest are being sought from Pembrokeshire establishments that would like to serve food and drink in outside spaces, known as 'Café Culture.'

Pembrokeshire County Council manages Café Culture - the setting up of table and chairs on the highway / pavements - in line with our street trading policy.

Covid-19 has made us all think differently on how we can operate going forward.

Therefore, if you run a food establishment such as restaurant, public house, café etc and would like to consider utilising outside spaces we are asking people to register their interested by emailing streetcare@pembrokeshire.gov.uk – an application will then be forwarded.

Points to consider are:

- Is there sufficient pavement width outside your property to accommodate tables and chairs whilst still maintaining 1.5m clear space for pedestrians?
- How will you deal with social distancing?
- Are there other outside spaces you would like to consider for seating areas?

Although consents cannot be granted at this stage this is an opportunity to get applications or expressions of interest into the authority.

When Covid-19 regulations are amended to allow for external seating areas we can then ensure there are no delays.

If you are thinking of opening your establishment for outdoor serving, please contact us to let us know, so that we can gauge demand, and help us with our planning.

We welcome your expression of interest by Friday, 3rd July.

Pembrokeshire County Council Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Licensing and Major Events, Phil Baker, said: "Given the Covid-19 regulations it is likely many more establishments will be considering the possibilities of utilising outdoor spaces.

"We would urge those running cafes, public houses, restaurants etc to think about how Café Culture could work for their premises and to get in touch so we can understand the demand and get the necessary plans in place."