



GOLDSMITHS / SILVERSMITHS SHOP IN THE DEANERY, CATHEDRAL SQUARE, WATERFORD

Licence to Operate

Submissions are invited for a licence to operate a Goldsmiths / Silversmiths shop at the New Museum of Irish Silver to be located in the Deanery, Cathedral Square, Waterford, that is planned to open in late 2019.

It is envisaged that the unit would operate 7 days per week on a year-round basis. The operator would be expected to sell tickets to the adjoining Museum of Irish Silver and monitor public access to and regress from the museum. The opening times of the shop must coincide with the opening times of the Museum, though these times are open to negotiation / discussion and may vary from winter to summer months. However it is absolutely essential that the shop unit operates during normal museum opening hours.

The unit will be located on the ground floor of the Deanery Building and will have two windows facing on to Cathedral Square. There is wheelchair access to the shop and museum. The unit consists of a shop unit and a small workshop for the manufacture in-house of exclusive and bespoke silver items to be sold in the shop. The shop unit will be fitted out by Waterford Council in consultation with the successful tenderer but within the perimeters of the available budget.

The Council will consider granting the successful applicant an exclusive licence to operate for an initial period of four years and nine months with annual reviews. There will be an option, subject to satisfactory performance, to extend this period.

Applicants are invited to make a detailed submission confirming their experience in the retail and goldsmith / silversmith trade and the annual rent they are willing to pay for the licence to operate the retail unit in the Deanery building. Previous experience of operating a similar establishment is absolutely essential.

Latest date for receipt of submissions is: **3pm Friday 9th August 2019.**

Please forward expressions of interest in a sealed envelope marked: **Expression of interest for Deanery Building.**

To:

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