



Subject:	Approval for 2 Markets at 2RA
Date:	8 May 2024
Reporting Officer:	John Greer, Director of Economic Development
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Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted? Yes No

If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Some time in the future

Never

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes No

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update members on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Seek approval for two external markets
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	Members are asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Approve two external markets to take place in 2RA.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Belfast City Council has exclusive rights to hold markets in Belfast. Anyone wishing to operate a market or car boot sale within Belfast must apply to Council for permission.
3.2	The Markets Unit have received an application from Belfast Pride for a 'Crafted with Pride' market at 2RA. The date of the market is Saturday 21 July 2024 and it will run from 10am - 3pm. This is a one-off market to coincide with Belfast Pride Festival. The event supports local

	<p>entrepreneurs and small businesses in Northern Ireland, all showcased under one roof for one day only. Approx 30 stalls for shopping, crafts and food will take part in this market. Visitors will be able to purchase goods on the day.</p>
<p>3.3</p>	<p>Background</p> <p>This market is proposed for 2RA and will run as part of the Belfast Pride Community festival. The organisers are hoping to attract 30 traders. It is anticipated that these traders will be arts and crafts stalls. The organisers decided to do a market as part of Belfast Pride so that they could open it up to queer crafters. Crafters who may not feel comfortable displaying their products when they cannot be sure if the visitors will be LGBTQIA friendly. It was felt that this would be the perfect time, during the Belfast Pride festival, to showcase the crafters in their community where they could be sure of positive reactions from the buyers and not feel that they have to hide their identity.</p>
<p>3.4</p>	<p>The Markets unit have also received an application from Mud Ireland requesting a market licence for the Belfast Potters Market to take place in 2RA on Saturday 10th August 2024 from 10-5pm. It is anticipated that 40 of Irelands top potters will be gathered together to exhibit and sell their pottery on that date.</p>
<p>3.5</p>	<p>Background</p> <p>This is an annual event now and each year it has been held in a variety of different venues. The primary objective of the market is to showcase the amazing craft pottery industry in Northern Ireland. The market has grown in traders each year and continues to be a huge success.</p>
<p>3.6</p>	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>This market will bring a potential income to the council of £200.</p>
<p>3.7</p>	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>No specific equality/good relations implications. No negative impact on rural areas.</p>