



Subject:	Request for approval for Crafted with Pride Markets
Date:	9 October 2024
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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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to advise members of a request received from organisers of two 'Crafted with Pride' proposed markets to take place in 2 Royal Avenue.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	Members are asked to agree to approve the issuing of a market licence for Belfast Pride to hold markets on 8 December 2024 and 20 July 2025.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
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. The Markets Unit has recently received an application from Belfast Pride for two markets to take place on 8 December 2024 and 20 July 2025 in 2 Royal Avenue. Each event will involve around 30 stalls selling mainly crafts and food.

3.2	<p>The organisers behind the Crafted with Pride Market have hosted a number of events in 2 Royal Avenue. The most recent one was part of Belfast Pride event in the city during the summer. Both markets will have over 30 stalls each and will help encourage footfall into the City Centre and 2RA.</p>
3.3	<p>Members will recall that, as part of the Markets Development Plan agreed by this Committee in March 2024, it was agreed that officers would undertake a review of the current Markets Rights Policy by which licences such as this are granted. That work is currently under way and a revised policy will be brought back to this committee for endorsement in the coming months. This request is being considered under the current policy and, as it stands, officers have no specific concerns about the proposed market. We do not consider that it will have a negative impact on existing city markets – particularly St George’s Market and the Continental Market at Belfast City Hall – as the December market is a one-off event taking place over the course of one day in the run-up to Christmas.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u>  This market will bring a potential income to the council of £150.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>  No specific equality/good relations implications. No negative impact on rural areas.</p>
4.0	<p><b>Appendices</b></p>
	<p>N/A</p>