



Subject:	Market Licence Application
Date:	9 November 2022
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Restricted Reports	
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek Members' approval to grant a licence for a one-off Christmas Market at Vault Artist Studios & a monthly market in Elmwood Studios/ Titanic Hotel.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agree to grant the licence to Vault Art Studios for a one-off Christmas Market.• Agree to grant a licence to Kellie Mairs (Fine and Dandy market) for the running of a monthly market in Elmwood Studios / Titanic Hotel.
3.0	Main report

3.1	<p>Members will be aware that anyone wishing to operate a market or car boot sale within Belfast must apply to Belfast City Council for a Market Licence. Members will also be aware that smaller markets can be granted a market licence through delegated authority with the approval of the Director. Larger Markets with over 20 traders must seek approval for the licence from committee. Applications have been submitted to host a two-day Christmas Market at Vault Art Studios, 4 – 84 Tower Street Belfast and a monthly variety market beginning in February/ March 2023 organised by the Fine and Dandy Market in either Elmwood Hall or the Titanic Hotel depending on availability.</p>
3.2	<p>In line with the overall Belfast City Council Markets Development Strategy, these two proposed events will help to enhance these two areas of the city and, in doing so, drive footfall into the areas. The Vault Christmas Market is proposing a one off Christmas Market to run on Saturday 3rd December and Sunday 4th December, 11am – 17:00pm.</p> <p>The Fine and Dandy market is proposing to trade the first Sunday of every month and will run from 1-5pm. The first market is expected to take place on in either February or March 2023. Fine and Dandy Market had been running for a number of years before the pandemic and this is a licence renewal. It must be noted that while The Vault Christmas Market is a one off market, it will run during the opening hours at St Georges Market and the fine and dandy market will also overlap on trading times at St Georges Market, but it will take place in South Belfast and a distance from the city centre location of St Georges.</p>
3.3	<p>Numbers for each event are currently to be finalised however, the Vault Christmas Market is currently proposing sixty-five traders. The monthly Fine and Dandy Market is expected to host between thirty & forty traders.</p>
3.4	<p>The event organisers have on the agreement of a licensee agreed to supply the relevant documentation for this event to meet all relevant statutory and regulatory obligations. This includes public liability insurance, risk assessments, HACCP policy and house rules, operational plan covering issues such as security and stewarding, traffic management system and first aid provision, environmental health information regarding noise omission, sale of food and beverages, waste management and fire regulations. Officers from the Markets Development Unit will be engaging with the relevant officers across the Council in order to check and verify this documentation and are content that all is in order. Checks will also be carried out during the event, in line with the Markets Rights Policy guidelines.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p>

3.6	<p>These two markets will generate income for the Council. There will be a one-off application fee from both parties and stallage costs.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>No specific equality, good relations or rural needs implications.</p>
4.0	Appendices
4.1	None.