



Subject:	Request to approve licence applications for external markets
Date:	8 March 2017
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Is this report restricted?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	The purpose of the report is to seek approval from Members to grant a licence for a Market to be held in the Titanic Exhibition Centre as part of the Local Women Magazine – Titanic Food Festival in June 2016. Approval is also being sought to grant a licence for a monthly market to take place in Crumlin Road Gaol, starting in April 2017.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Approve the granting of a licence for the Market to be held at Titanic Exhibition Centre on 24 June 2017;– Approve the granting of a licence for monthly markets to be held in Crumlin Road Gaol, commencing in April 2017.
3.0	Main report
3.1	Members will be aware that Belfast City Council has exclusive rights to hold markets in Belfast. Anyone wishing to operate a market must apply to the Council for permission to do so.
3.2	The Markets Rights Policy, endorsed by the Development Committee in 2013, delegated authority to the Director of Development to approve some markets (e.g. those with less than

20 stalls, markets run solely for charitable purposes). All other requests require the approval of the City Growth and Regeneration Committee.

3.3 Local Women is a magazine that is produced and distributed across Northern Ireland. The magazine is working with a range of local partners to organise a one-off market in the Titanic Exhibition Centre on Saturday 24 June 2017 from 9am-3pm.

3.4 Plans for the market are currently being finalised but the organisers are suggesting that there will be between 30 and 40 stalls taking part in the market part of the event. The focus will be predominantly on local food produce.

3.5 The Crumlin Road Gaol Market is scheduled to commence April 2017 and organisers are suggesting that there will be between 27 and 30 stalls taking part in this market. If successful, the organisers intend that it will take place on a monthly basis.

3.6 According to the Markets Rights Policy, one of the factors to be considered when granting a licence is whether there is the potential to clash with and detract from the key city markets. These two proposed markets will coincide with the operating hours of St George's Market. However, given that the Market at Titanic Quarter is to be a one-off, and also taking account of the fact that neither of these is in close proximity to St George's, Officers do not consider that these events will have a detrimental impact on St George's Market.

3.7 Members should note that it is the intention that the Markets Rights Policy will be reviewed in the course of the coming year. This review will look at whether the Policy is still valid and whether the approach is conducive to the Council's ambitions to support tourism development and small business growth. There will also be an opportunity to look at how the markets can support city animation and align to the new Festival and Events Strategy for the city.

3.8 Financial and Resource Implications:

The applicants for the Titanic Market will pay a one-off fee of £50 for the market licence and there will also be a £6 charge for each stall. The Crumlin Road Gaol applicant will pay a licence fee of £100 given that it is the intention that these Markets will happen on a monthly basis. The £6 fee per stall will also apply.

3.9	<u>Equality & Good Relations Implications:</u> No specific equality or good relations implications.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None.