



Subject:	External Market Application – CQAF Bazaar
Date:	6 April 2022
Reporting Officer:	John Greer, Director of Economic Development
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of the report is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Advise members of a request received to hold a market as part of the Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival (CQAF) on 2 May 2022 – the CQAF BazaarSeek approval to grant the markets licence, in line with the Council’s Markets Rights Policy.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	Members are asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Agree to grant a market licence to the organisers (Firefox) to hold this one-off market as part of the CQAF Festival on Monday 2 May 2022 from 1-5pm.

3.0	Main report
3.1	Members will be aware that anyone wishing to operate a market or car boot sale within Belfast must apply to Belfast City Council for permission to do so. Depending on the scale and nature of the event, it may need authorisation from the City Growth and Regeneration Committee to take place.
3.2	An application of this scale has recently been received on behalf Firefox Events for a market to be held on the premises of the Common Market on 2 May 2022 as part of Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival. The market will involve up to 40 traders.
3.3	As part of our approval process for any market, as and a condition of granting a licence, officers request evidence of support from the landowner, consider the implications on adjacent properties and activities and ensure compliance with all relevant regulations and statutory requirements. In our view, the market is well placed in the Common Market space as it is spacious and can house at least forty vendors comfortably inside and out, it is airy and well ventilated and this supports efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
3.4	All of the traders are local to Northern Ireland and are producing local and artisan products. The majority of the vendors who participate in the market are using sustainable production methods for their products for example beeswax candles and are promoting sustainable fashion through vintage pop ups. There is little to no waste produced on site and they operate a robust waste management recycling system. The pitch fees are fairly priced to enable local participation and encourage business to grow. The market will be complemented with local talent and musical performances throughout the event.
3.5	The organisers have strong working relationships with local businesses in the area and they are fully supportive of this market.
3.6	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> Licence fee and stall fee income from this event will be in the region of £250.
3.7	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are no Equality and Good Relations considerations attached to this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents attached
	None