



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Continental Market
Date:	August 2010
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Relevant Background Information

The Continental Market

The Continental Market has been operating a number of times per year in the grounds of City Hall for almost six years. The existing contract for the provision of Continental Markets expires after the conclusion of the Christmas Continental Market 2010.

Key Issues

The Council's existing contract with Market Place Europe Limited for the provision of Continental Markets expires after the conclusion of the Christmas Continental Market in December 2010

Approval is sought to tender for a suitably qualified and experienced market operator to deliver two Continental Markets per year, in the front grounds of City Hall, for a further 3 years i.e. 2011 to 2013. These Continental Markets would consist of a four-day Market on the last bank holiday weekend in May and a 28-day Christmas Continental Market to be delivered in the lead-in to Christmas.

It is anticipated that Belfast City Council would receive a minimum income of £90,000 from this contract, subject to tenders received.

Resource Implications

It is anticipated that Belfast City Council would receive a minimum income of £90,000.00 from this contract, subject to tenders received.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

1. Approve the commencement of a tender process to obtain a suitably qualified and experienced market operator to deliver two Continental Markets per year, in the front grounds of City Hall, for a further 3 years i.e. 2010 to 2013.
2. To authorise under the Scheme of Delegation that the Chief Officer can approve the acceptance of the successful tender.
3. To recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee that they grant use of City Hall grounds for the operation of these events.

Decision Tracking

Further to Committee agreement for new tender to proceed.

Time Frame: September 2010.

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