



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	St Georges Market Update
Date:	6 December 2010
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	Members agreed to hold a Members Information Session to discuss the Markets Policy prior to the policy being discussed at Committee. The policy still requires further work and the information session date is with Members' Services.
1.2	The St George's Market traders were visited by the Chair of the Development Committee on Friday 26 November 2010. During his visit the traders advised the Chair that they would be keen to make a presentation to Members to update them on their views surrounding the Sunday market.

2	Key Issues
	Officers are continuing to work with those interested in establishing markets in other parts of the city and a cross departmental group is finalising the policy.
2.1	Representatives of the St George's traders attended a workshop on 25 November 2010 with officers to prepare an action plan for the market. The purpose of the plan was to agree a set of priorities for the next year and consider what can be achieved within current budgets. The workshop sought to improve communication between traders and officers and find better ways of working to improve the success and profile of the three weekend markets.
2.2	Traders consider that before the extended trial period for the Sunday market ends on 31 January 2011, Members should have the opportunity to hear from the traders their experience of this pilot and their views on its future.

3	Resource Implications
	None currently.

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
	None.

5	Recommendations
5.1	The Committee is asked to note that the information session will be held on the Markets Policy before it is brought back to Committee.
5.2	The Committee is asked to receive a presentation from the representatives of the traders at St George's Market on their experiences of the Sunday market.

6	Decision Tracking
If agreed Members to receive a presentation from the St George's traders at January 2011's Development Committee.	
Time line: January 2011	Reporting Officer: Shirley McCay