



<b>Report to:</b>	Development Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	External Market Application
<b>Date:</b>	4 June 2013
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<b>1</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	Belfast City Council has exclusive rights to hold markets in Belfast. The Development Committee at its meeting on 26 June 2012 granted authority for the Director of Development or other authorised officer to approve future markets/car boot sales in the City of Belfast. This applies to car boot sales which are considered to be deminimus with less than 20 persons trading; and/or a market which is considered by officers to be deminimus and/or any markets which are carried out solely for charitable purposes.

<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	Conway Mill Preservation Trust has applied to operate the weekly market in Conway Mill, every Saturday from 10.00am to 2.00pm. The market will have a mixture of crafts and food and will hold approx 20 stalls each week.
2.2	The market has been operating for a number of months and they wish to register to Council for a licence. The market has been visited by the Council's Environmental Health Food Safety Officers and the food stalls have all been passed as per food safety regulations.
2.3	Conway Mill Preservation Trust have as part of their application requested to have any payable fees discounted on charitable grounds, (fees include annual £100 fee for multiple market application and £6.00 per stall as the market is under 25 stalls). They have included a charity registration number on their application confirming charitable status. Advice from Development Finance and Legal Services is that the weekly fee per stall could be waived but annual fee of £100 for application to operate multiple markets is paid.

<b>3</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
3.1	Loss of £6240 in revenue for foregoing weekly stall fee. The £100 annual application fee will cover the administration costs.

<b>4</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Considerations</b>
4.1	There are no Equality and Good Relations Considerations attached to this report.

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
5.1	Members are asked to approve the waiver of the weekly fee for charitable status purposes but the annual registration fee of £100 be paid for 2012/2013 period and every year thereafter while the market is in operation.

<b>6</b>	<b>Decision Tracking</b>
There is no decision tracking attached to this report.	