



Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Spring Continental Market
Date:	18 March 2014
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	<u>Purpose of this report</u> The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Members to extend the Spring Continental Market by one day in May 2014 only.
1.2	<u>Background</u> The Continental Market has been coming to the grounds of City Hall for 9 years. The Spring Bank holiday market is normally held on the last bank holiday weekend in May. It runs from the Friday through to the end of Monday. This year, due to the local elections using the City Hall, the market has had to change its dates and will be arriving a week earlier. The Continental Market is operated by Market Place Europe Ltd.

2	Key Issues
2.1	<p>This year, due to the local elections, the grounds of City Hall are out of bounds for any events taking place between the 22 and 24 May. Due to this we have informed Market Place Europe Ltd that the Spring Bank holiday Continental market will have to change its dates. As such, the Continental Market will now be arriving a week earlier, from Friday 16 May to Monday 19 May.</p> <p>The revised arrangement means that traders will miss out on the Bank Holiday Monday trade, which is usually their busiest day. Therefore, Market Place Europe Ltd have asked if they could open and start trading from Thursday 15 May instead of Friday 16th to try and compensate for losing the Bank Holiday Monday this year.</p>

3	Resource Implications
3.1	No cost to Council, additional costs for security, waste collection and cleaning will be paid for by the contractor.

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	As with other events in the city, the Continental Market has the potential to bring people from a wide range of backgrounds together and therefore promote good relations.

5	Recommendations
5.1	The Development Committee are requested to approve the one extra day trading.

6	Decision Tracking
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