



<b>Subject:</b>	Markets Licence Requests
<b>Date:</b>	11 November 2020
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Some time in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advise members of a number of requests for markets licences that have recently been received</li><li>• Seek approval to grant the licences, in line with the Council's Markets Rights Policy.</li></ul>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agree to grant the licence for the running of a weekly (Saturday) car boot sale within the grounds of the Makro car park in Dunmurry, subject to compliance with all relevant legal and statutory requirements</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree to grant a licence to EastSide Greenways for the running of a monthly market in C.S. Lewis Square, subject to compliance with all relevant legal and statutory requirements</li> <li>• Agree to grant a licence to We are Vertigo for the operation of the Trade Local market in the run-up to Christmas 2020, subject to compliance with all relevant legal and statutory requirements.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	<p>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. Applications of this scale have recently been received on behalf of three proposed markets, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly (Saturday morning) car boot sale in Makro car park, Kingsway, Dunmurry</li> <li>• Monthly food and produce market in CS Lewis Square</li> <li>• Trade Local market in the run-up to Christmas at We are Vertigo building, Queen's Road, Titanic Quarter.</li> </ul>
3.2	<p>In keeping with the current NI Executive regulations, external markets are currently permitted to operate, subject to appropriate risk assessments being in place. As part of our approval process for any market, as and a condition of granting a licence, officers request evidence of support from the land owner, consider the implications on adjacent properties and activities and ensure compliance with all relevant regulations and statutory requirements. For these markets, this will include consideration of guidelines and additional restrictions in place as a result of COVID-19.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Weekly car boot sale, Makro Car Park, Dunmurry</u></p> <p>The car boot sale is proposing to start at 8am each Saturday and be off site for 13.45pm. Officers have already received confirmation from the car park owners of their permission for the event to take place. At this stage, the event organisers are working on the basis of having around 50 spaces at the event, potentially attracting up to 100 cars as the market develops.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Monthly food and local produce market, CS Lewis Square</u></p> <p>As part of their proposals to animate Connswater Community Greenway and CS Lewis Square, Eastside Partnership are proposing to organise a monthly market featuring local food and produce. Indicative operating hours are 2pm-5pm (original request was 1pm to 5pm but</p>

officers consider that the earlier start could have a negative impact on St George's Market). Organisers have proposed the first market for Saturday 21 November with the next being a two day market proposed for Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 December. Organisers are currently working on the basis of attracting 30-40 traders at each monthly market.

3.5 Trade Local Market, We Are Vertigo, T13 Building

We Are Vertigo are proposing to use the T13 building on Queen's Road to operate a "Trade Local" market in the run up to Christmas. Their proposals are to operate for four days (Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday) from 4pm to 8pm, running from 23 November to 20 December 2020. The market will have in the region of 30 stalls, potentially including some food. The application suggests that the proposal is to recreate a "St George's Market" in the T13 building. In the long run, officers would have some concerns about the potential negative impact that this might have on St George's Market. However it could be argued that, given that the times are outside of the operating hours for St George's Market, and taking account of the difficult trading climate for businesses at present, the market will offer an opportunity for local businesses to generate additional trade in the build-up to Christmas. Discussions are ongoing with all relevant partners in the area, taking account, in particular, of event safety and capacity issues – given that this will be an indoor event. As with the above markets, if members approve the operation of the market, it will subject to receipt of information demonstrating compliance with all existing statutory and regulatory obligations.

3.6 For all markets, council officers will engage with event organisers to ensure that they supply the relevant documentation to meet all relevant statutory and regulatory obligations as a condition of granting the licences. This is likely to include public liability insurance, risk assessments, HACCP policy and house rules, operational plan covering issues such as security and stewarding, traffic management system and first aid provision, environmental health information regarding noise omission, sale of food and beverages, waste management and fire regulations. Given the additional regulations at this time, officers will ensure that the risk assessments take account of all relevant social distancing measures and COVID-19 restrictions. Officers from the Markets Development Unit will be engaging with the relevant officers across the Council in order to check and verify this documentation and ensure that they are content that all is in order. Checks will also be carried out during the event, in line with the Markets Rights Policy guidelines.

3.7	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>These car boot sales /markets will generate income for the Council. There will be a one-off application fee from all markets (£100 commercial markets/£50 for charities) as well as fees for each stall (amount will depend on the number of stalls/cars).</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p>
3.8	<p>No specific equality, good relations or rural needs implications.</p>
4.0	<p><b>Appendices- Documents attached</b></p>
	<p>None.</p>