

To the Chairperson and Members Of the Central Area Committee

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Moore Street Market

Moore Street is renowned throughout Ireland as a street trading / market area. It has a long history of providing high quality produce to the citizens of Dublin. In recent times, for a variety of reasons, the street and market has struggled to fulfil its potential.

The Report of the Expert Group on the Moore Street Market was published in February 2021. The report set out a vision for Moore Street as a regenerated, dynamic, multicultural, cross-generational, ethnically diverse, buzzing street market that is steeped in history and character.

In this regard, and in line with the recommendations in the report, a public tender was issued in late 2021 seeking a Market Operator to operate and manage an additional market offering on Moore Street. It is intended that the additional market will complement the existing market / trading arrangements.

Following the tender process, a market operator has been selected for appointment and will commence operations shortly. The market operator is *Traders in the area supporting the cultural quarter limited by guarantee T/A The Temple Bar Company*. The appointment will be for 1 year with options to extend.

Dublin City Council has had initial discussions with the operator. The first priority is to engage with existing traders and retailers on the street to seek input into how best to address the challenge of developing a successful additional market, which will be to the benefit of all on the street and to the city generally. Following on from this, new market operations and related street enhancements will be introduced in a graduated manner, commencing later this month, currently planning for 23rd September. It is intended, in due course, that the new market will operate from Thursday to Sunday.

This is a wonderful opportunity to bring improvements to Moore Street and to work collaboratively with existing traders and retailers to begin the process whereby Moore Street can reclaim its place as a vibrant street trading / market area.

Councillors will be regularly updated on progress and on the new initiatives that are brought forward in order to enhance the street.

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