

Executive meeting on Tuesday, 14 April 2026

Written representation in relation to agenda item 7, York Christmas Market Operating Hours and Economic Impact

Dear Executive Members,

I'm writing from Cooper King Distillery with regards the proposed 6-day market model. I'll apologise for perhaps not being more expansive, but did want to give the report and consultation some engagement from our end. We'd broadly support the 6-day model, though looking at our own takings from last year's markets we'd choose Monday as the rest day.

We'd also be keen to see a reduction in the amount we are paying to have a stand at the market given that the 6-day model means we will be losing a day's takings from each week of the market (albeit a quieter day). The main reason we would support the rest day, from our own perspective, is that it would just help with the strain it takes to staff, restock and organise the stall for the time we are on the market. As a small business it is quite literally all hands-on deck during the time we are on the market.

Thanks so much for the opportunity to engage with this. Please let me know if there is anything else you'd like to know from us.

Best regards,

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