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Belfast City Council

2nd November, 2017

MEETING OF LICENSING COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room, City Hall on Thursday, 9th November, 2017 at 5.00 p.m., for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

SUZANNE WYLIE

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

- 1. Routine Matters
 - (a) Apologies
 - (b) Minutes
 - (c) Declarations of Interest
- 2. Delegated Matters
 - (a) Licences Issued Under Delegated Authority (Pages 1 4)
 - (b) Application for the Variation of a Seven-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence - The Bear and The Doll, 2-14 Little Donegall Street (Pages 5 - 20)
 - (c) Application for Extended Hours Lower Crescent Park (Pages 21 30)
 - (d) Applications for the Renewal of Indoor Entertainments Licences with Previous Convictions Glenowen Inn/Voodoo (Pages 31 46)
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Agenda Item 2a



LICENSING COMMITTEE

Subject:	Licences Issued Under Delegated Authority	
Date:	9th November, 2017	
Reporting Officer:	Stephen Hewitt, Building Control Manager, ext. 2435	
Contact Officer:	Patrick Cunningham, Assistant Building Control Manager, ext. 6446	

Restricted Reports		
Is this report restricted?	Yes No	X
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?		
After Committee Decision		
After Council Decision		
Some time in the future		
Never		

Call-in		
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes	No X

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of main Issues
1.1	Under the Scheme of Delegation, the Director of Planning and Place is responsible for exercising all powers in relation to the issue, but not refusal, of permits and licences, excluding provisions relating to the issue of Entertainments Licences where adverse representations have been made. Those applications which were dealt with under the Scheme are listed below.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to note the list of licences which have been issued under the Scheme of Delegation.

	Key Issues			
	Under the terms of the Local (1985, the following Entertainm			
	Premises and Location	Type of Application	Hours Licensed	Applicant
	Belfast Castle 698 Antrim Road, Belfast, BT15 5GR	Renewal	Sun: 12.30 - 00.00 Mon - Sat: 11.30 - 01.00	BCC
	Malone House Barnetts Park, Malone Road, Belfast, BT9 5PB	Renewal	Sun: 08.00 - 00.00 Mon - Sat: 08.00 - 01.00	BCC
	Ligoniel Community Centre 144 Ligoniel Road, Belfast, BT14 8DT	Renewal	Sun - Sat: 08.00 - 01.00	BCC
	Knocknagoney Community Centre, 41A Knocknagoney Drive, Belfast, BT4 2QF	Renewal	Sun - Sat: 08.00 - 01.00	BCC
	Concorde Community Centre, 36 Alliance Road, Belfast, BT14 7JB	Renewal	Sun - Sat: 08.00 - 01.00	BCC
	Dee Street Community Centre, 12-16 Dee Street, Belfast, BT4 1FT	Renewal	Sun - Sat: 08.00 - 01.00	BCC
	Divis Community Centre 9 Ardmoulin Place, Belfast, BT12 4RT	Renewal	Sun - Sat: 08.00 - 01.00	BCC
	Biddy Duffys 133 Andersonstown Road, Belfast, BT11 9BU	Renewal	Sun: 12.30 - 00.00 Mon - Thur: 11.30 - 01.00 Fri - Sat: 11.30 - 02.00	Mr. Peter Teague
	Dunmurry Presbyterian Church Hall 224 Kingsway, Dunmurry, Belfast, BT17 9AE	Renewal	Sun: 12.30 - 00.00 Mon - Sat: 10.00 - 01.00	Ms. Angela Martir
	Europa Hotel 11 Great Victoria Street, Belfast	Renewal	Sun - Sat: 08.00 - 03.00	Moyola Cellars Limited
	Gort Na Mona GAC Upper Springfield Road, Belfast, BT12 7QX	Renewal	Sun: 12.30 - 22.00 Mon - Sat: 11.30 - 23.00	Mr. Gerard Fleming
	CIYMS 91 Circular Road, Belfast, BT4 2GD	Renewal	Mon - Sat: 11.30 - 23.00	Mr. Richard Barnes
	Kremlin Bar 96 Donegall Street, Belfast, BT1 2GW	Renewal	Sun: 12.30 - 03.00 Mon - Sat: 11.30 - 03.00	Anthology N.I.
	Shoe Factory 12-14 Union Street, Belfast, BT1 2JF	Renewal	Sun - Sat: 12.00 - 01.00	Limited

	Premises and Lo	ocation	Type of Application	Hours Lie	censed	Applicant
	Ormeau Golf Club 50 Park Road, Belfast, BT7 2FX)	Renewal	Sun: 12.30 Mon - Sat: 11		Ms. Mary Dawson
	Plastik Mays Meadow, Laganbank Road, Belfast, BT1 3PH		Renewal	Sun: 12.30 Mon - Thur: 1 Fri - Sat: 11.	1.30 - 02.00	Trinity Leisure Belfast Limited
	Riddell's Warehou 87-91 Ann Street, Belfast, BT1 3HH		Grant	Sun - Sat: 10	.30 - 21.00	Replay Theatre Company
	St Matthews Chui 403 Shankill Road Belfast, BT13 3AF	d,	Renewal	Mon - Fri: 08 Sat: 11.30		Rev. Tracey Elaine McRoberts
	Ulster Reform Clu 4 Royal Avenue, Belfast, BT1 1DA		Renewal	Sun: 12.30 Mon - Sat: 11		Mr. Alexander William Graham
	Windsor Lawn Te 37 Windsor Aven Belfast, BT9 6EJ		Renewal	Sun: 12.30 Mon - Sat: 11		Ms. Maxine Pauley
3.2	Under the terms of Licence was issued		•	orthern Ireland)	2001, the fol	llowing Street Trading
	Premises and Location	Type of Application	L.01	nmodity	Hours Licensed	d Applicant
	Sliabh Dubh View	Stationar	ry confection pet food,	s, soft drinks, nery, tobacco, , lighters, hair essories	Mon – Su 07.30 – 22	
	Financial and Res	ource Imp	lications			
3.3	None					
	Equality or Good	Relations I	mplications			
3.4	There are no equa	lity and goo	d relations issu	Jes.		
4.0	Documents Attac	hed				
	None					





Subject:	Application for the Variation of a Seven-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence - The Bear and The Doll, 2-14 Little Donegall Street
Date:	9th November, 2017
Reporting Officer:	Stephen Hewitt, Building Control Manager, ext. 2435
Contact Officer:	Patrick Cunningham, Assistant Building Control Manager, ext. 6446

Restricted Reports	
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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	
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Some time in the future	
Never	
Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes No X
1.0 Purpose of Report/Summary of main Issues	

1.0		or main issues	
1.1	To consider an application for the variation of the Seven-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence for The Bear and The Doll, based on the Council's standard conditions to provide music, singing, dancing or any other entertainment of a like kind.		
	Premises and Location	Ref. No.	Applicant
	The Bear and The Doll, 2-14 Little Donegall Street, Belfast, BT1 2JD	WK/201701241	Mr. Gareth Nethercott, Gracemount Enterprises Ltd 2-14 Little Donegall Street, Belfast, BT1 2JD
1.2	A copy of the application form is	s attached at Appendix	x 1.

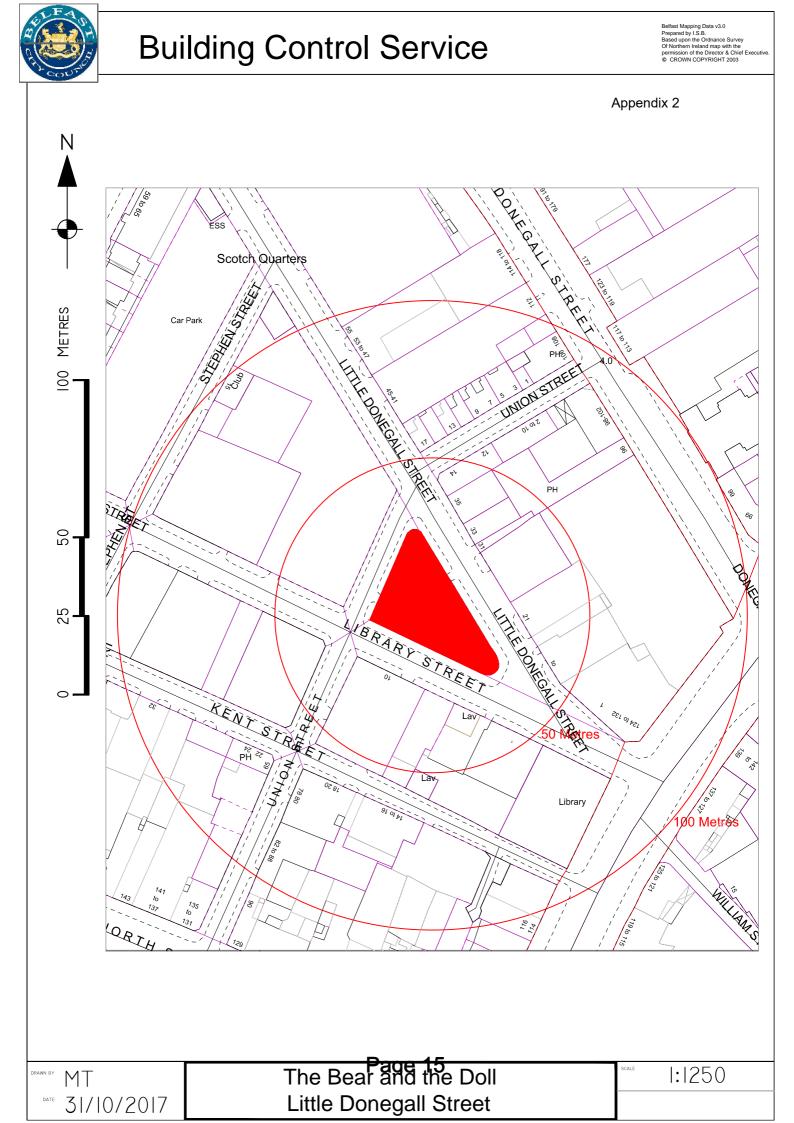
1.3	The nature of the variation is to extend the hours during which entertainment may be provided from 1.00 a.m. to 3.00 a.m. the following morning from Monday to Friday and from midnight to 1.00 a.m. the following morning on Sunday.
1.4	Members are reminded that the normal process for dealing with Entertainments Licence applications which are not the subject of objections is that the Director of Planning and Place will grant the licence as provided for in the Council's Scheme of Delegation.
1.5	However, in light of the fact that the applicant has applied for a variation to extend the hours of entertainment beyond 1.00 a.m., the application is being presented to you for consideration.
1.6	A location map is attached at Appendix 2.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	Taking into account the information presented and representations received in respect of the application you are required to make a decision to either:
	 approve the application for the variation of the Seven-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence, or
	 approve the application for the variation of the Seven-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence with special conditions, or
	 refuse the application for the variation of the Seven-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence.
2.2	If the application is refused, or special conditions are attached to the licence to which the applicant does not consent, then the applicant may appeal the Council's decision within 21 days of notification of that decision to the County Court.
2.3	Should the Committee decide to refuse the variation application, and the applicant decides to appeal, the licence will continue with its present conditions until the Appeal is determined.
3.0	Main Report
	Key Issues
3.1	The areas currently licensed to provide indoor entertainment are the:
	 Titanic, with a maximum capacity of 250 persons; and Yard 401, with a maximum capacity of 180 persons.
3.2	The days and hours during which the premises are currently licensed to provide entertainment are:
	 Monday to Friday: 11.30 a.m. to 1.00 a.m. the following morning; Saturday: 11.30 a.m. to 3.00 am the following morning, and Sunday: 12.30 p.m. to midnight
3.3	The premises operate as a public house with entertainment currently provided in the form of DJ's and live band performances.

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		Noise Issues
	3.14	The Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) has been consulted in relation to the application and has confirmed that no noise complaints have been received in the last 12 months.

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3.15	EPU is aware of the locations of other licensed premises in the vicinity and their ability to operate beyond 1.00 a.m. As a result, it has not raised any concerns about the application.
3.16	Members are reminded that the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2011 gives Councils additional powers in relation to the control of entertainment noise after 11.00 p.m.
	Financial and Resource Implications
3.17	Officers carry out during performance inspections on premises providing entertainment but this is catered for within existing budgets.
	Equality or Good Relations Implications
3.18	There are no equality or good relations issues associated with this report.
4.0	Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Application Form
	Appendix 2 – Location Map
	Appendix 3 – Rationale submission from the applicant
	Appendix 4 – PSNI response

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Agenda Item 2c



Subject:	Application for Extended Hours - Lower Crescent Park
Date:	9th November, 2017
Reporting Officer:	Stephen Hewitt, Head of Building Control, ext. 2435
Contact Officer:	Patrick Cunningham, Building Control Manager, ext. 6446

Is this report restricted?	Yes No X
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes No X

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To consider a request from the organisers of the FOCAL Festival to operate an outdoor Christmas event within Lower Crescent Park on the nights of Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd December 2017, and to permit entertainment to run to 1.00 a.m. on each of those nights.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	 Taking into account the information presented and any representations received, the Committee is required to consider the request to extend the hours of entertainment and, subject to all technical requirements being met, either: 1. agree if any or each of the proposed nights should be permitted to take place beyond the standard hours of licence or;
	2. refuse to extend any or all of the hours as requested.
3.0	Main Report
	Key Issues
3.1	Lower Crescent Park is the responsibility of the Parks Service within the City and Neighbourhood Services Department, which currently holds a Seven-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence for the park.
3.2	The standard days and hours during which the park is currently licensed to provide entertainment are:

	Monday to Sunday: 11.30 a.m. to 11.00 p.m.		
3.3	In addition, the following special conditions are attached to the Entertainments Licence:		
	 maximum numbers will be agreed at the discretion of the Building Control Service and will vary depending upon individual concert set up proposals; 		
	 prior to any event taking place the promoters are required to demonstrate evidence of early consultation and have in place a robust system of dealing with any complaints, which has been agreed in advance with the Council; 		
	 any requests to provide entertainment later than 23:00hrs must be considered by the Licensing Committee and therefore must be made at least 3 months in advance of the proposed event; and 		
	4. should the Council receive a significant number of noise complaints for any event which has successive nights of entertainment permitted beyond 23:00hrs or if a complaint about an event beyond 23:00hrs is of major concern, then those successive nights with later hours may be subject to reduction and the promoter should have appropriate arrangements in place should this occur.		
3.4	Members may recall, at your meeting in May, you granted an application to the FOCAL Festival for an event which ran to 12.00 a.m. on 30th June and 1st July 2017. This is a follow-on from that event and will be the first year of operating a Christmas themed event at the venue.		
3.5	Focal Festival is an independent food and drink festival centred on the celebration and promotion of local food and drink incorporated within an outdoor festival.		
3.6	It is a standard condition of the Outdoor Entertainments Licence that all requests to operate beyond the permitted hours of entertainment must be considered by the Licensing Committee.		
3.7	Members are reminded that the Committee has previously granted extensions for other similar events and venues across the City, including the Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival, the Belfast Beer Festival 2017 and Oktoberfest at Custom House Square, Feile an Phobail at Falls Park and the Belfast City Blues Festival at Writers' Square.		
3.8	The Parks Service has also sought permission from the People and Communities Committee for the use of the venue for the event. This was granted approval on 10th October 2017.		
	Rationale for Additional Hours		
3.9	The organisers wish to create a vibrant, interactive Christmas festival to showcase local independent food and beverages with a backdrop of live music from local acts to create a memorable experience.		
3.10	They intend to operate a family day for the first day of the festival and show the 'The Snowman' and are working with the Northern Irish Film Board in this regard. A carol service will also be held as part of that day's entertainment in addition to live musical entertainment.		
3.11	The organisers are of the view that the additional hours will help to promote and compliment the festival to maximise the experience that patrons will have when attending.		

3.12	As a result, they have requested that you give consideration to permitting all three of their nights to run beyond 11.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m. the following morning on Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd December, 2017.
3.13	As this is not an application to vary the terms and conditions of the Outdoor Entertainments Licence, but a request for Council's permission to extend the hours under an existing licence condition, there is no requirement to advertise the application.
3.14	Officers from the Service have engaged with the organisers and with officers of the Parks Service and are currently working with them to determine an appropriate occupancy for the venue and ensure other arrangements are in place to manage the event safely.
3.15 3.16	The event organiser will also be required to circulate a resident's notification letter which must be agreed with the Service.
3.17	Representatives of both the Parks Service and event organisers will be available at your meeting should you wish to seek further information about the event.
3.18	A copy of the letter from the event organisers about the festival and their rationale for the request to extend the hours is attached at Appendix 1.
5.10	A location map is attached at Appendix 2.
3.19	<u>PSNI</u>
	The PSNI has been consulted regarding the festival and the request to operate all three nights of their festival to 1.00 a.m. and has confirmed that it has no objections to this festival. A copy of its comments is attached at Appendix 3.
3.20	NIFRS
5.20	As with all such events, a detailed planning meeting will be held, attended by officers of the PSNI and NIFRS, to look at public safety, traffic management, transport and any wider operational issues.
3.21	Health, Safety and Welfare Issues
5.21	Having worked with the event organisers for their June festival we are satisfied that the space can accommodate the proposed festival and, to date, the organisers have co-operated fully regarding measures to protect public safety and the surrounding area.
3.22	Noise Issues
	The venue is surrounded by commercial businesses, offices and licensed premises and a noise report will be drafted for the Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) to assess once submitted.
3.23	At the festival in June, one complaint was received which related to music noise at the end of the night when patrons were vacating the venue. Officers of the Night Time Noise Team attended but did not consider that the levels warranted any formal action.
3.24	Members are reminded that the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2011 gives councils additional powers in relation to the control of entertainment noise after 11.00 p.m.

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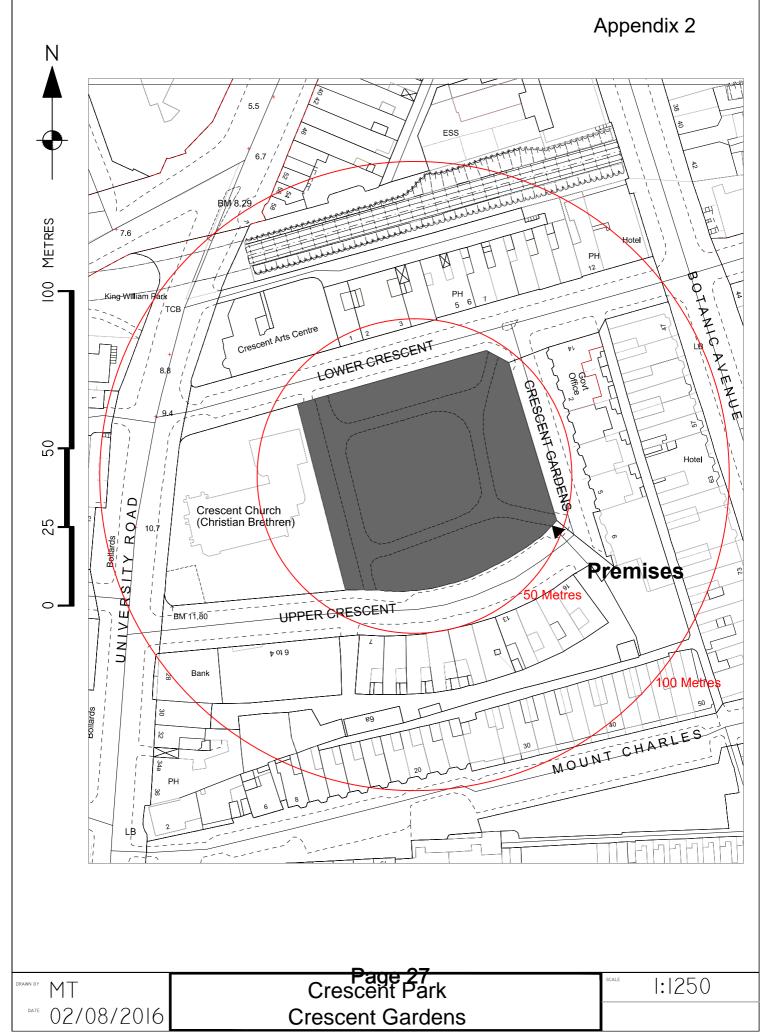
3.25	Financial and Resource Implications Officers will be required to carry out inspections at the event but this is catered for within existing Service budgets.
3.26	Equality and Good Relations Implications There are no equality or good relations issues associated with this report.
4.0	Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Applicant's Rationale Appendix 2 – Location Map Appendix 3 – PSNI Response

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Agenda Item 2d





Subject:	Applications for the Renewal of Indoor Entertainments Licences with Previous Convictions – Glenowen Inn/Voodoo	
Date:	9th November, 2017	
Reporting Officer:	Stephen Hewitt, Building Control Manager, ext. 2435	
Contact Officer:	Patrick Cunningham, Assistant Building Control Manager, ext. 6446	

Restricted Reports Yes No X Is this report restricted? If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted? After Council Decision If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted? If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted? If Yes, when will the report become unrestrited?

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes No X

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues				
1.1	To consider applications for Entertainments Licences where the applicant has been convict of an offence under the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions (NI) Order 1985 (t Order) within the previous five years.				
2.0	Recommendations				
2.1	Taking into account the information presented, you are required to consider the applications and to:-				
	1. approve the applications, or				
	 should you be of a mind to refuse any of the applications, or approve any applications with additional special conditions, an opportunity of appearing before and of being heard by the Committee must be given to the applicants. 				

3.0	Main Report					
	Key Issues					
3.1	The Committee is reminded that the normal process for dealing with Entertainments Licence applications which are not the subject of objections is that the licence will be granted as provided for in the Council's Scheme of Delegation.					
3.2	However, as each applicant has been found guilty of committing an offence within five years of the application for a licence being submitted to the Council, you are required to consider the following applications.					
	Premises and Location	Applicant	Application Type	Offence Details	Date of Conviction and Penalty	
				4 November 2011		
	Voodoo 9-11 Fountain Street Belfast BT1 5ED	Phoenix Wine and Spirits Store Limited	Renewal	Locked Fire exit Obstructed means of escape. Pre-entertainment checks had not been completed prior to entertainment taking place	4th September 2012 £270 and ordered to pay court costs of £69	
	The Glenowen Inn 108 Glen Road Belfast, BT11 8BH	The Keg Company (N.I.) Limited	Renewal	October 2015 A rear exit was blocked by combustible materials, including a table, music equipment and speakers. The rear exit alleyway was also partially obstructed by a parked vehicle. A number of exit signs were not operational. The Log Book for recording pre-event checks was not completed.	24th May 2016 £600 and £66 Court costs	

3.3	Notwithstanding the possibility of refusing an Entertainments Licence on any other grounds, the Council may refuse an application on the grounds that the applicant has been convicted of an offence under the Order.
	Application History
3.4	Previous applications for the aforementioned premises were considered by the Committee as follows:
	Voodoo
3.5	This is the fourth time an application for the premises has been considered by the Committee since the applicant was convicted on 4th September, 2012.
3.6	Three previous renewal applications have been considered by the Committee on 14th December, 2016, 16th September, 2015 and 21st August, 2013 and, after consideration, you agreed to renew the Entertainments Licence on each occasion.
3.7	Since you last considered the application, the premises have been subject to two further during performance inspections as well as a renewal inspection to ensure that there has been no recurrence of these or any other safety issues and we have found that management procedures are being implemented effectively.
	The Glenowen Inn
3.9	This is the second time that an application for the premises has been considered by the Committee since the applicant was convicted on 24th May, 2016.
3.10	The previous application was considered by the Committee on 10th November, 2016 and, after consideration, you agreed to renew the Entertainments Licence.
3.11	Since you last considered the application the premises have been subject to two further during performance inspections as well as a renewal inspection to ensure that there has been no recurrence of these or any other safety issues and we have found that management procedures are being implemented effectively.
	Representations
3.12	Public notice of the applications has been placed and no written representations have been lodged as a result of the advertisements.
	<u>PSNI</u>
3.13	The PSNI has been consulted and has confirmed that it has no objections to the applications. A copy of its correspondence is attached at Appendices 1A and 1B.
	<u>NIFRS</u>
3.14	The Northern Ireland Fire Rescue Service has been consulted in relation to each of the applications and has confirmed that it has no objections.
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	Applicants
3.15	The applicants and/or their representatives will be available at your meeting to answer any queries you may have in relation to their applications. Copies of the respective application forms for the premises are attached at Appendix 2A and 2B.
	Financial and Resource Implications
3.16	Officers carry out during performance inspections on premises providing entertainment which is catered for within existing budgets.
	Equality and Good Relations Implications
3.17	There are no equality or good relations issues associated with this report.
4.0	Documents Attached
	Appendices 1A and 1B – PSNI Correspondence
	Appendices 2A and 2B – Application Forms

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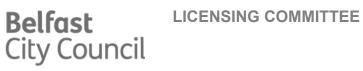
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Agenda Item 3a





Subject:	Schedule of Meetings 2018
Date:	9th November, 2017
Reporting Officer:	Mr. H. Downey, Democratic Services Officer, ext. 6311
Contact Officer:	Mr. H. Downey, Democratic Services Officer, ext. 6311

Is the report restricted?	Yes		No	X
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes	X	No	

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To advise the Committee of the dates of the meetings of the Licensing Committee during 2018.

2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to approve the schedule of meetings for the Licensing Committee during 2018 and agree a commencement time for those meetings.

Main report	
Members will be aware that the monthly meeting of the Licensing Committee is normally held at 5.00 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.	
However, due to holiday periods, the timing of the monthly Council meetings and, in order to assist with the decision-making process, it has been necessary on occasions to move some of the meetings to later or earlier in the month.	
Accordingly, the following dates have been identified for meetings of the Licensing Committee for the period from January to December, 2018:	
Wednesday, 17th January	
Wednesday, 14th February	
Wednesday, 21st March	
Wednesday, 18th April	
Wednesday, 16th May	

	Wednesday, 20th June
	No meeting in July (Council in recess)
	Wednesday, 15th August
	Wednesday, 19th September
	Wednesday, 17th October
	Wednesday, 14th November
	Wednesday, 12th December
3.3	The Committee should note that, should it be necessary to move any of these meeting throughout the course of the year, its approval will be sought well in advance.
	Resource Implications
3.4	None associated with this report.
	Equality or Good Relations Implications
3.5	None associated with this report.

4.0	Documents Attached	
	None	