



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Application for the Grant of a 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence</b>
<b>Date:</b>	17 August 2022
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Stephen Hewitt, Building Control Manager, Ext. 2435
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<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 or Summary of main Issues</b>						
1.1	To consider an application for the grant of a 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence to provide outdoor musical entertainment.  <table><tr><td><b>Area and Location</b></td><td><b>Ref. No.</b></td><td><b>Applicant</b></td></tr><tr><td>Boucher Road Playing Fields Boucher Road Belfast, BT12 6EU</td><td>WK/2020/02610</td><td>Ms Rose Crozier City and Neighbourhoods Services Dept. Belfast City Council</td></tr></table>	<b>Area and Location</b>	<b>Ref. No.</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	Boucher Road Playing Fields Boucher Road Belfast, BT12 6EU	WK/2020/02610	Ms Rose Crozier City and Neighbourhoods Services Dept. Belfast City Council
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1.2	A location map is attached as Appendix 1.						

1.3	Members are reminded that all applications for the grant of Outdoor Entertainments Licences must be brought before Committee for consideration.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	<p>Taking into account the information presented and any representations received Members are required to consider the application and to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Approve the application for the Grant of the 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence, or</li> <li>b) Approve the application for the Grant with special conditions, or</li> <li>c) Refuse the application for the Grant of the 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence.</li> </ol>
2.2	If an 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. In the case that the applicant subsequently decides to appeal, entertainment may not be provided by virtue of this application until any such appeal is determined.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<b><u>Key Issues</u></b>
3.1	Members are reminded that, at your meeting of 15 June 2022, following consideration of an objection to the application for the 14-day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence for Boucher Road Playing Fields, you agreed to renew the licence.
	<b><u>Details of the Premises</u></b>
3.2	The Licensee has now applied for a 7-day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence to permit the use of this large event space for more than 14 days per year. A 7-day Annual Entertainment Licence was previously in place for Boucher Road Playing Fields until 2014.
3.3	Belfast City Council currently holds both a 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence and a 14-Day Occasional Indoor Entertainments Licence for a marquee in respect of Boucher Road Playing Fields.
3.4	Boucher Road has been used to provide large outdoor concerts for approximately 10 years.
3.5	<p>The current days and hours during which entertainment can be provided for both Occasional Licences are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday to Saturday: 11.30am to 11.00pm and</li> <li>• Sunday: 12.30pm to 11.00pm</li> </ul>
3.6	<p>In addition, the following special conditions are attached to the licences:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maximum numbers will be agreed at the discretion of the Building Control Service and will vary depending upon individual concert set up proposals.</li> <li>2. 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.</li> <li>3. Any requests to provide entertainment later than 11.00 pm must be considered by the Licensing Committee and therefore must be made at least 3 months in advance of the proposed event.</li> </ol>

4. Should an application to provide entertainment beyond 11.00 pm be granted and the Council then receive a significant number of complaints regarding noise or the complaint is of such significant impact, authority is granted to the Director of Planning and Building Control, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to reduce the finishing time for any subsequent nights of the event, in which case the promoter will be required to make contingency arrangements.

### **Representation**

- 3.8 Public notice of the application has been placed and no written representation has been lodged because of the advertisement.

### **PSNI**

- 3.9 The Police Service of Northern Ireland have been consulted and has confirmed that they have no objection to the application.

- 3.10 A copy of their correspondence is attached at Appendix 2.

### **NIFRS**

- 3.11 The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service have been consulted in relation to the application and has confirmed that they have no objection to the application.

### **Health, safety and welfare**

- 3.12 Pre-event planning meetings are held with all relevant services, agencies and promoters for all large outdoor music events within the Boucher Road Playing Fields.

- 3.13 The meetings are attended by Officers of the Council, Police Service of Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service, Department of Infrastructure, Translink, Northern Ireland Ambulance Service, promoters and their relevant service providers.

- 3.14 Officers from Belfast City Council assess the Event Planning documents submitted by the promoter and carry out site inspections prior to and throughout the events to ensure compliance with relevant guidance in relation to fire safety, structures, access, egress and facilities for all.

### **Noise nuisance and other complaints**

- 3.15 The Promoter of large outdoor music events must submit a Noise Management Plan which is provided to the Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) for evaluation. Council Officers work with the promoter to assess the noise that may be generated from the event and to minimise the potential for noise disturbance.

- 3.16 Members should also recognise that noise generated by large scale outdoor concerts is likely to lead to some level of disturbance for local residents. Even if guideline levels are met there is no guarantee that complaints will not be received. Conversely, if a recommended level is exceeded this may not necessarily lead to complaints as people may be prepared to tolerate the event because it will only last for a limited period.

- 3.17 These events do cause some anti-social behaviour on the routes of travel to and from the venue.

3.18	<p><b><u>Applicant</u></b></p> <p>The applicant, and/or their representatives, will be available at your meeting to answer any queries you may have in relation to the application.</p>
4.0	<p><b>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</b></p> <p>None.</p>
5.0	<p><b>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</b></p> <p>There are no issues associated with this report.</p>
6.0	<p><b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appendix 1 – Location Map</li> <li>• Appendix 2 - PSNI Response</li> </ul>