



Subject:	Application for the renewal of a Stationary Street Trading Licence for a site in Donegall Quay
Date:	16th September, 2015
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Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To consider an application for the renewal of a Street Trading Licence from Mr George Grimley for the sale of boat tour tickets, t-shirts, souvenirs, hats, key rings, confectionery, beverages, with the additional commodity of Wee Tram bus tour tickets using a 3m by 1.5m trailer unit from Monday to Sunday at the designated site in Donegall Quay.
1.2	Mr Grimley has held the licence at this site since 2013 with no licensing infringements.
1.3	Mr Grimley's first licence application for the Donegall Quay site was considered by the Licensing Committee at their meeting on the 20 th June 2012 when, after consultation with the Members, Mr Grimley agreed to withdraw the sale of bus tour tickets from his application.
1.4	Mr Grimley now wishes to include an additional commodity for the sale of Wee Tram tour tickets which is a bus tour that operates in the Titanic Quarter area.
1.5	Members are reminded that at a previous meeting of the Licensing Committee meeting on the 18 th March 2015, they agreed to defer consideration of an application to vary the Designating Resolution for the Castle Junction Kiosk for the sale of Bus Tour Tickets, pending the outcome of the review which had been commissioned by the Development Department into sightseeing coach provision in the City, that review is still ongoing.
1.6	However, Members should be aware that whilst the application is to include the sale of bus tickets, the Wee Tram is a bespoke tour of the Titanic Quarter and allows you to hop on and off, as you like or take a full tour of the area. The full tour lasts around an hour and explores the attractions of the Titanic area.
1.7	The carriages are themed and inspired by the trams that operated at the time of the shipyard. They also offer on-board screened films, photography, stories of the period and it operates within the Titanic Quarter area only.

1.8	The landowners of the site, the Department for Social Development, have no objections to Mr Grimley selling tickets for the Wee Tram tour at the Donegall Quay site.
1.9	Should Committee decide to permit the sale of Wee Tram tour tickets Members are advised that this may generate future applications for bus tour tickets at other street trading sites.

2.0	Recommendations
2.1	Taking into account the information presented and any representations received the Committee is requested to decide whether: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To renew Mr Grimley's licence with the additional commodities, or; 2. To renew Mr Grimley's licence and refuse the additional commodities, under the discretionary grounds as stated in Section 9 of the Street Trading Act (NI) 2001; 3. To renew Mr Grimley's licence with additional licence conditions; 4. To refuse the renewal of Mr Grimley's licence, under the discretionary grounds as stated in Section 9 of the Street Trading Act (NI) 2001.
2.2	Should you be of a mind to refuse the application you are required to advise the applicant of your intention to do so.
2.3	In this case you must afford the applicant the opportunity to make representations at a specified Licensing Committee meeting on the matter before making a final determination of the application.
2.4	If, subsequent to hearing the applicant, you refuse the application the applicant may appeal that decision to the County Court.

3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	Section 9 of the Street Trading Act (N.I.) 2001 provides that the Council may, in certain circumstances, refuse an application.
3.2	Section 9(1)(a) states that a Council may refuse an application in that the nature of the articles, things or services in which the applicant wishes to trade is such that their sale or supply, or their preparation for the sale or supply, would adversely affect the general amenity of the area in which the applicant wishes to trade.
3.3	Should you be of a mind to use your discretionary power to refuse to renew Mr Grimley's Street Trading Licence Section 12 of the Act requires that he be afforded the opportunity to make representations in writing relating to the proposal which must be considered by Committee before a final decision is made on the application.
3.4	Mr Grimley has been invited to attend your meeting.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>

3.5	If the licence is refused, there will be the potential loss of an annual licence fee of £1017.
3.6	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> There are no equality or good relations issues.

4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None