



Subject:	Application for the Renewal and Variation of a Seven-day Annual Entertainments Licence - The National Grand Café Bar and Sixty6, 62-68 High Street
Date:	20th January, 2016
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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/Summary of Main Issues						
1.1	<p>To consider applications for the renewal and variation of a Seven-day Annual Entertainments Licence for The National Grand Café Bar and Sixty6, based on the Council's standard conditions to provide music, singing, dancing or any other entertainment of a like kind.</p> <table border="0"><thead><tr><th>Premises and Location</th><th>Ref. No.</th><th>Applicant</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>The National Grand Café Bar and Sixty6 62-68 High Street Belfast BT1 2BE</td><td>WK/2015/01391 WK/2015/01398</td><td>Mr Conall Wolsey</td></tr></tbody></table>	Premises and Location	Ref. No.	Applicant	The National Grand Café Bar and Sixty6 62-68 High Street Belfast BT1 2BE	WK/2015/01391 WK/2015/01398	Mr Conall Wolsey
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1.2	Copies of the application forms are attached at Appendix 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 on Saturday and Sunday mornings.						
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 Health and Environmental Services 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 also applied for a variation to extend the hours of entertainment past 1.00 am, the applications are being presented to you for your consideration.						
1.6	A location map is attached at Appendix 2.						

2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>Taking into account the information presented and representations made in respect of the applications, you are required to make a decision to either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the application for the renewal of the Seven-day Annual licence, or 2. Approve the application for the renewal with special conditions, or 3. Refuse the application for the renewal of the Seven-day Annual licence.
2.2	<p>Should you be of a mind to approve the application to renew the licence you are then required to determine, subject to all technical requirements being met, either to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. agree to the variation of the licence and that entertainment be permitted to take place beyond the standard hours of Licence to 3.00am on Saturday and Sunday mornings; or 2. refuse to extend any or all of the hours as requested.
2.3	<p>If the applications are 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.</p>
2.4	<p>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.</p>
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	<p>The areas licensed to provide entertainment are the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground floor bar with a maximum capacity of 130 persons, • First floor bar/nightclub with a maximum capacity of 65 persons, • Second Floor bar/nightclub with a maximum capacity of 65 persons or • Third Floor bar/nightclub with a maximum capacity of 65 persons,
3.2	<p>The days and hours during which the premises are currently licensed to provide entertainment are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday to Saturday: 11.30 am to 1.00 am the following morning, and • Sunday: 12.30 pm to midnight
3.3	<p>Entertainment is currently provided in the form of a DJ and live band performances.</p> <p><u>Reasons for the Variation</u></p>
3.4	<p>The applicant has advised that the main reason they wish to extend the hours of entertainment is to have the flexibility to provide entertainment at weekends to a later hour to suit certain events throughout the year. The applicant has also stated that they plan to operate the first, second and third floors of Sixty6 to 3.00am on those nights. A copy of the applicant's submission is attached at Appendix 3.</p> <p><u>Representations</u></p>
3.5	<p>No written representation has been lodged as a result of the public notices of the applications.</p>

	<p><u>PSNI</u></p> <p>3.6 The PSNI has been consulted and also have no objection to the applications. A copy of its correspondence is attached at Appendix 4.</p> <p><u>Health, safety and welfare inspections</u></p> <p>3.7 Three during performance inspections have been carried out on the premises by Officers from the Service in the last 12 months. The inspections revealed that the conditions of the Entertainments Licence were being adhered to and the Officers were satisfied that all operational and management procedures were being implemented effectively.</p> <p><u>Noise issues</u></p> <p>3.8 The Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) has been consulted in relation to the applications and has confirmed that a total of three complaints have been received over the last 12 months.</p> <p>3.9 All of the complaints related to noise break out from the premises and after being spoken to by Officers of the Night Time Noise Team, the appropriate action was taken by the management to address the issues.</p> <p>3.10 Members are reminded that the Clean Neighbourhood And Environment Act (NI) 2011 gives councils additional powers in relation to the control of entertainment noise after 11.00pm.</p> <p><u>Licensee / Applicant</u></p> <p>3.11 The applicant and/or their representatives will be available at your meeting to answer any queries you may have in relation to the request for additional hours.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.12 Officers carry out during performance inspections on premises providing entertainment but this is catered for within existing budgets.</p> <p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>3.13 There are no equality or good relations issues associated with this report.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p><u>Documents Attached</u></p>
	<p>Appendix 1 – Application forms</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Location map</p> <p>Appendix 3 – Rationale submission from the applicant</p> <p>Appendix 4 – PSNI correspondence</p>