



Subject:	Application for the Renewal of a Seven-day Annual Entertainments Licence - Irish National Foresters' Club, 14-18 Albert Street
Date:	15th June, 2016
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of main Issues						
1.1	<p>To consider an application for the renewal of a Seven-day Annual Entertainments Licence for the Irish National Foresters' Club, where the applicant has been convicted of an offence under the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions (NI) Order 1985 (the Order) within the previous five years.</p> <table border="0"><tr><td>Premises and Location</td><td>Ref. No.</td><td>Applicant</td></tr><tr><td>Irish National Foresters 14-18 Albert Street Belfast BT12 4HJ</td><td>WK/201500912</td><td>Mr Gerry Lappin Secretary Irish National Foresters</td></tr></table>	Premises and Location	Ref. No.	Applicant	Irish National Foresters 14-18 Albert Street Belfast BT12 4HJ	WK/201500912	Mr Gerry Lappin Secretary Irish National Foresters
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1.2	A copy of the application form is attached at Appendix 1.						
1.3	A location map is attached at Appendix 2.						
2.0	Recommendations						
2.1	Notwithstanding the opportunity to refuse the application on any other grounds, the Council may refuse an application for an Entertainments Licence on the grounds that the applicant has been convicted of an offence under the Order within the period of 5 years immediately preceding the date when the application was made.						
2.2	Taking into account the information presented and any representations received you are required to consider the application in light of the previous legal proceedings and to:						

<p>2.3</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the application for the renewal of the 7-day Annual Entertainments Licence, or 2. Approve the application for the renewal of the 7-day Annual Entertainments Licence with special conditions, or 3. Refuse the application for the renewal of the 7-day Annual Entertainments Licence. <p>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 Recorders Court.</p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Main report</p>
<p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p>	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Members are 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.</p> <p>However, in light of the fact that the applicant has been found guilty of committing an offence within five years of the application for the licence being submitted to the Council, you are required to consider the application.</p> <p>The application is being placed before the Committee because the applicant, Mr. Gerry Lappin was convicted of an offence under the Order at Belfast Magistrates Court on 22nd November, 2011 after a during performance inspection found a padlocked emergency exit at the rear of the premises.</p> <p>As a result the applicant was fined a total of £400 and ordered to pay court costs of £66.</p> <p><u>Premises</u></p> <p>The applicant currently holds a Seven-day Annual indoor Entertainments Licence and the areas licensed to provide entertainment are the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st floor function room, with a maximum capacity of 120 persons • Lounge Bar, with a maximum capacity of 110 persons • Lounge Bar 90, with a maximum capacity of 110 persons • Snooker Room, with a maximum capacity of 10 persons <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: 8.00 am to 1.00 am the following morning, and • Sunday: 12.30 pm to 12.00 am the following morning. <p><u>Applications Previously Considered</u></p> <p>Members are reminded that you considered previous renewal applications for the Irish National Foresters at your meetings on the 15th April 2015, 20th November 2013 and the 17th October 2012 and, after consideration, you agreed to renew the licence on each occasion.</p>

	<p><u>Representations</u></p> <p>3.8 Public notice of the application has been placed and no written representations have been lodged as a result of the advertisement.</p> <p><u>PSNI</u></p> <p>3.9 The PSNI has been consulted and has confirmed that it has no objections to the application. A copy of its correspondence is attached at Appendix 3.</p> <p><u>Health, Safety and Welfare Inspections</u></p> <p>3.10 Following the offence, officers of the Service met with the management of the club to review their fire safety procedures and ensure that appropriate measures were in place for safe evacuation from the club should an emergency situation occur.</p> <p>3.11 The premise has been subject to inspection as part of the renewal application process; thus all operational and management procedures have been checked which are in place to safeguard the safety of the public, performers, staff and, in particular, if an emergency situation should occur.</p> <p>3.12 The premise has also been subject to further during performance inspections and Officers have been satisfied that measures were being implemented effectively.</p> <p><u>NIFRS</u></p> <p>3.13 The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service has been consulted in relation to the application and confirmed that it has no objection.</p> <p><u>Noise issues</u></p> <p>3.14 The Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) has been consulted in relation to the application and has confirmed that, since the last renewal, no complaints have been received relating to noise break out from the premises or due to patron dispersal.</p> <p><u>Applicant</u></p> <p>3.15 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> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.16 Officers carry out during performance inspections on premises providing entertainment which is catered for within existing budgets.</p> <p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>3.17 There are no equality or good relations issues associated with this report.</p>
4.0	Documents Attached
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 1 – Application form • Appendix 2 – Location map • Appendix 3 – PSNI correspondence