

# LICENSING COMMITTEE

| Subject:                   |  | Applications for the Grant of an Outdoor Entertainments Licence and for Extended Operating Hours – Bullit Hotel, 40A Church Lane |   |  |             |      |  |
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| Date:                      |  | 19th October, 2016   |   |  |             |      |  |
| Reporting Officer:         |  | Stephen Hewitt, Building Control Manager, ext. 2435  |   |  |             |      |  |
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| 1.0                        | Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues   |  |   |  |             |      |  |
| 1.1                        | To consider applications from Mr Conall Wolsey of Cathedral Leisure Limited, for the grant of a seven-day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence and for permission to provide entertainment till 3.00 am in respect of the Bullit Hotel. |  |   |  |             |      |  |
|                            | Premises and<br>Bullit Hotel<br>40A Church L<br>Belfast,<br>BT1 4QN  |  | <b>Ref. No.</b><br>WK/201602008<br>WK/201602003 | Applicant Mr Conall Wol Cathedral Leis 42 Waring Stre Belfast, BT1 2ED | ure Limited | i,   |  |
| 1.2                        | Mr Wolsey is also the licensee for The National Grande Cafe Bar and Sixty6, 62-68 High Street, Belfast, BT1 2BE and The Dirty Onion and Yard Bird, 42 Waring Street, Belfast, BT1 2ED.   |  |   |  |             |      |  |
| 1.3                        | Copies of the application forms are attached at Appendix 1.  |  |   |  |             |      |  |
| 1.4                        | A location map is attached at Appendix 2.  |  |   |  |             |      |  |
| 2.0                        | Recommendations  |  |   |  |             |      |  |
| 2.1                        | Taking into account the information presented and any representations received you are required to consider the applications in light of the previous legal proceedings and to:  |  |   |  |             |      |  |
|                            | <ol> <li>approve the applications for the grant of the Seven-day Annual Outdoor<br/>Entertainments Licence and to provide indoor entertainment to 3.00 am, or</li> </ol>   |  |   |  |             |      |  |
|                            | 2. approve the applications for the grant of the Seven-day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence and to provide indoor entertainment to 3.00 am, with special conditions, or   |  |   |  |             |      |  |

- **3.** approve the application for the grant of the Seven-day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence, with special conditions, and refuse the indoor entertainment to 3.00 am, or
- **4.** approve the application to provide indoor entertainment to 3.00 am, and refuse the grant of the Seven-day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence, or
- **5.** refuse both applications for the grant of the Seven-day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence and to provide indoor entertainment to 3.00 am.
- 2.2 If the applications are refused, or conditions are attached to the licences 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.

# 3.0 Main Report

#### **Key Issues**

- 3.1 The areas where entertainment is proposed to be provided are as follows:
  - Lobby Bar, with a maximum capacity of 170 persons
  - Restaurant, with a maximum capacity of 60 persons
  - Café Bar, with a maximum capacity of 60 persons
  - Outdoor Terrace, with a maximum capacity of 170 persons
- 3.2 The applicant has applied to provide entertainment on the following days and hours:
  - Monday to Wednesday: 11.30 am to 1.00 am the following morning, and
  - Wednesday to Saturday: 11.30 am to 3.00 am the following morning, and
  - Sunday: 12.30 pm to 12.00 am.
- 3.3 Members are reminded that applications to provide outdoor entertainment and entertainment later than 1.00 am are subject to consideration by Committee.
- The applicant has advised that the premise will operate as a public bar and nightclub with indoor entertainment being provided in the form of DJs and live bands.
- The applicant proposes to provide entertainment into the outdoor Smoking Area, which is covered by a Liquor Licence.
- 3.6 Layout plans of the premises are attached at Appendix 3.

### Representations

3.7 Notice of the applications has been advertised and no written representations have been lodged.

## Licence

The applicant has carried out refurbishment works to the premises which have been completed to the satisfaction of the Service. Following the application process, an Entertainments Licence can be issued under the Council's Scheme of Delegation with the standard hours of operation, as follows:

- Monday to Sunday: 11.30 am to 1.00 am the following morning.
- However, the applicant has applied to operate the premises under the hours of the previous Entertainments Licence to 3.00 am, hence the matter has been brought before Committee for consideration.

### **PSNI**

3.10 The PSNI has been consulted and has confirmed that it has no objection to both applications. A copy of its correspondence is attached at Appendix 4.

### **Health, Safety and Welfare Inspections**

- 3.11 The premise has been subject to inspections as part of the Entertainments Licence application process and the works carried out under the Building Regulations application. As a result, all technical requirements and associated operational and management procedures have been checked to safeguard the safety of the public, performers and staff and, in particular, if an emergency situation should occur.
- 3.12 The premises will continue to be inspected as part of our During Performance Inspection regime and will be subject to further monitoring to ensure the applicant adheres to the measures they have agreed to undertake.

#### **NIFRS**

3.13 The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service has been consulted in relation to the applications and has confirmed that it has no objections.

### **Noise Issues**

- An acoustic report outlining the measures to be taken when outdoor entertainment is being provided has been received and is currently being assessed by EPU. The report outlines the measures to be put in place to minimise disturbance to neighbouring premises, either due to noise breakout or from patron activity.
- 3.15 Should you be minded to grant the outdoor licence, these technical matters will be resolved between Officers and the applicant and an Entertainments Licence will not be issued until the proposed levels have been verified and agreed.
- 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 pm.

## **Applicant**

3.17 The applicant and/or their representatives will be available at your meeting to answer any queries you may have in relation to the applications.

## Financial and Resource Implications

3.18 Officers carry out during performance inspections on premises providing entertainment but this is catered for within existing budgets.

#### **Equality and Good Relations Implications**

3.19 There are no equality or good relations issues associated with this report.

| 4.0 | Documents Attached                        |  |  |
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|     | Appendix 1 – Application form             |  |  |
|     | Appendix 2 – Location Map                 |  |  |
|     | Appendix 3 – Layout plans of the premises |  |  |
|     | Appendix 4 – PSNI correspondence          |  |  |
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