



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Review of Entertainments Licensing Legislation</b>
<b>Date:</b>	10th November, 2016
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<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<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/Summary of main Issues</b>
<b>1.1</b>	Following your meeting on 17th August, a letter was sent to the Minister for Communities, Mr. Paul Givan MLA, requesting an update on the progress of the review of Entertainments Licensing and when his Department would be in a position to commence a public consultation on more detailed proposals to amend the legislation.
<b>1.2</b>	To advise Members of the written response from the Minister outlining his intentions for such review of the legislation.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<b>2.1</b>	The Committee is requested to note the response from the Minister for Communities regarding the review of Entertainments Licensing legislation and take such action as it considers appropriate.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
	<b><u>Key Issues</u></b>
<b>3.1</b>	Following your meeting on 17th August, a letter was sent on behalf of the Committee to the Minister seeking an update on the review.
<b>3.2</b>	The letter also requested that the regulated entertainment included in all licensing applications which referred to circuses should forbid the use of animals and that sentencing guidelines for breaches of the entertainments licensing legislation should also be reviewed.

<p><b>3.3</b></p> <p><b>3.4</b></p> <p><b>3.5</b></p> <p><b>3.6</b></p> <p><b>3.7</b></p> <p><b>3.8</b></p>	<p>The Minister has now replied, stating that he is currently considering the report of the Entertainments Licensing Review Group, set up by the previous Minister for the Environment, Mr M.H Durkan.</p> <p>Minister Givan also advises that he is considering that report in conjunction with the Departmental response to the public consultation to decide what further work may be needed on updating the entertainments licensing regime.</p> <p>He further acknowledges the significant work carried out by the Review Group and that he will be giving consideration to all of the issues contained in its report, including the sentencing for breaches of Entertainments Licensing legislation and the issues around the licensing of circuses with animals.</p> <p>A copy of the response from the Minister for Communities is attached.</p> <p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>There are no financial or resource implications associated with this report.</p> <p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>There are no equality or good relations issues associated with this report.</p>
<p><b>4.0</b></p>	<p><b>Documents Attached</b></p>
	<p>Rresponse from the Minister for Communities.</p>