

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Subject:		Entertainments Licence - Blanchflower Playing Fields, Holywood Road						
Date:		15th February, 2017						
Reporting Officer:		Stephen Hewitt, Building Control Manager, ext. 2435						
Contact Officer:		Patrick Cunningham, Assistant Building Control Manager, ext. 6446						
Is this report restricted		d?		Yes		No	X	
Is the decision eligible		for Call-in?		Yes		No	X	
1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of main Issues							
1.1	grant of a Seve Fields, based entertainment. Area and Lo	n-day Annual Ou upon the Coun ocation r Playing Fields,	the City and Neighboutdoor Entertainment cil's standard cond Ref. No. WK/201602078	ts Licence for Blar	nchflowe outdoo	er Pla	aying	
1.2	A copy of the application form is attached at Appendix 1.							
1.3	A location map is attached at Appendix 2.							
1.4	Members are reminded that all applications for the grant of Outdoor Entertainments Licences must be brought before Committee for consideration.							
2.0	Recommendations							
2.1	Taking into account the information presented and any representations made in respect of the application you are required to make a decision to either: 1. approve the application for the grant of the 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence, or							

- 2. approve the application for the grant with special conditions, or
- 3. refuse the application for the grant of the seven-day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence.
- If an 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 County Court. In the case that the applicant subsequently decides to appeal, outdoor entertainment may not be provided until any such appeal is determined.

3.0 Main Report

Key Issues

- **3.1** The standard days and hours for an Outdoor Entertainments Licence are:
 - Monday to Sunday: 11.30 am to 11.00 pm.
- 3.2 In addition, the following special conditions are usually attached to Outdoor Licences:
 - 1. Maximum numbers will be agreed at the discretion of the Building Control Service and will vary depending upon individual concert set up proposals.
 - 2. Prior to any event taking place the promoters are required to demonstrate evidence of early consultation and have in place a robust system of dealing with any complaints, which has been agreed in advance with the Council.
 - **3.** Any requests to provide entertainment later than 11.00 pm must be considered by the Licensing Committee and therefore must be made at least 3 months in advance of the proposed event.
 - 4. Should an application to provide entertainment beyond 11.00 pm be granted and the Council then receive a significant number of complaints regarding noise or the complaint is of such significant impact, authority is granted to the Director of Planning and Place, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to reduce the finishing time for any subsequent nights of the event, in which case the promoter will be required to make contingency arrangements.
- 3.3 Blanchflower Playing Fields is located off the Holywood Road at the junction joining the Sydenham-By-Pass and A2.
- The park is owned and maintained by the Parks Service which intends to offer the use of the space for small community type events as they do for other parks and open spaces.

Representations

Public notice of the application has been placed and no written representation has been lodged as a result of the advertisement.

PSNI

The Police Service of Northern Ireland has been consulted and has confirmed that it has no objection to the application. It will be consulted on future planned events regarding traffic management and wider operational policing issues. A copy of its response is attached at Appendix 3.

	<u>NIFRS</u>					
3.7	The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service was also consulted and has no objection to the application. It will be invited to attend any planning meetings and will be provided with any associated event documentation for comment.					
	Health, Safety and Welfare					
3.8	Officers from the Service have engaged with Parks representatives regarding the general long term use of the space.					
3.9	Officers will engage with prospective event organisers and other interested parties to ensure that the appropriate documentation is developed and that all safety and technical requirements are met in advance of each specific event taking place, should you decide to grant the licence.					
	<u>Noise</u>					
3.10	The Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) has been informed of the application and comment on each individual event, when information relevant to it has been provided, s as the Noise Management Plan.					
	<u>Applicant</u>					
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 application.					
	Financial and Resource Implications					
3.12	Officers will be required to carry out inspections for each outdoor event and attend a planning meetings which are catered for within existing budgets.					
	Equality or Good Relations Implications					
3.13	There are no equality or good relations issues associated with this report.					
4.0	Documents Attached					
	Appendix 1 – Application form					
	Appendix 2 – Location map					
	Appendix 3 – PSNI comments					