### Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues

1. To consider a request from Belfast Leisure Company Limited to further extend the period of their Amusement Permit. This was granted provisionally at a meeting of the Licensing Committee in 2014.

#### Premises and Location

- **Applicant:** Mr Gareth McCausland
- **Company:** Belfast Leisure Company Limited

#### Relevant Details

- **Ref. No.:** WK/2013/0190
- **Address:** 28 Bradbury Place, Belfast, BT7 1RQ

The applicant has requested an extension period of 6 months to allow them to complete works before opening the premises in September. A copy of the letter from the applicant is attached at Appendix 1.

### Recommendations

1. Members are requested to determine if you agree with the grounds of the request and if you then consent to further extend the period which the Provisional Amusement Permit has been previously granted.

2. If Members agree to extend the period for the Provisional Amusement Permit you are then also required to agree the appropriate expiry date of the new period.
### Key Issues

3.1 Members are reminded that, at a meeting of the Licensing Committee on 19 March 2014, you granted a Provisional Amusement Permit to Mr Gareth McCausland of Belfast Leisure Company Limited under the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985.

3.2 Under the Order, an Amusement Permit granted provisionally is only valid for two years from the date it is granted, unless the applicant can satisfy the Council that there were reasonable grounds for the failure to complete the construction, alteration or extension of the premises within that period.

3.3 Members will recall that at, your meeting on 16th March 2016, a request was received from the applicant company to extend the period of the Provisional Amusement Permit for 12 months and, after consideration, you agreed to grant the extension to 19th March 2017.

3.4 A copy of the Provisional Permit is attached as Appendix 2.

3.5 Members are reminded of the recent judgment regarding the applications, by Oasis Retail Services Limited, for leave to apply for judicial review regarding the Amusement Permits granted for the premises at 28 Bradbury Place and 25-41 Botanic Avenue.

3.6 These judicial reviews were determined on 13th January 2017 and were reported to the Committee at last month’s meeting.

3.7 As a consequence of the judicial review proceedings, the applicant was reluctant to start the construction works on the premises. Now that the judgment has been made, the applicant has advised that they would not be able to complete all necessary work by the deadline of the 19th March 2017, as previously granted by the Committee.

3.8 The request for the extension is, therefore, to afford appropriate time for the building works to be carried out to meet the technical requirements of the Building Regulations. An Amusement Permit will then be issued on completion of the works, which they have indicated will be in September 2017.

#### Applicant

3.9 The applicant, or their representative, will be available at your meeting to answer any queries you may have in relation to the application.

#### Financial and Resource Implications

3.10 There are no financial and resource issues.

#### Equality or Good Relations Implications

3.11 There are no equality or good relations issues.

### Documents Attached

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