# LICENSING COMMITTEE



Subject:		Application for the Variation of a 7-Day Annual Entertainments Licence for The Speak-Easy, QUB Students Union Bar						
Date:		12th December,	2018					
Repor	ting Officer:	•	Building Control Man					
Conta	ct Officer:	Darren McCamphill, Acting Assistant Building Control Manager, ext. 2444						
Restricted Reports								
Is this	report restricted	d?		Yes		No	X	
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?								
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		in the future						
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Call-in								
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?					No	X		
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1.0	Purpose of Re	port or Summary	or main issues					
1.1	To consider an application for the variation of the 7-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence for The Speak-Easy, QUB Student Union Bar based on the Council's standard conditions to provide indoor music, singing, dancing or any other entertainment of a like kind.							
	The Speak-	nt Union Bar	<b>Ref. No.</b> WK/201800026	Applicant Ms Wendy Ga Registrar/Chic Officer Queens Unive	ef Opera	J		
1.2	A copy of the application form is attached as Appendix 1.							

2.0	Recommendations					
2.1	Taking into account the information presented and representations received in respect of the application you are required to make a decision to either:					
	Approve the application for the variation of the 7-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments     Licence, or					
	2. Approve the application for the variation of the 7-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence with special conditions, or					
	3. Refuse the application for the variation of the 7-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence.					
2.2	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 County Court.					
2.3	Should the Committee decide to refuse the variation application, and the applicant decides to Appeal, the licence will continue with its present conditions until the Appeal is determined.					
3.0	Main report					
	Key Issues					
	Nature of the variation application					
3.1	The days and hours during which the premises are currently Licensed to provide entertainment are:					
	Monday to Sunday: 11.00 am to 1.00 am the following morning,					
3.2	The nature of the variation is to extend the hours during which entertainment may be provided from 1.00 am to 2.00 am on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.					
3.3	In addition, the applicant has specified 6 occasions during the year for which approval is sought to provide entertainment to 2.00 am should the occurrences fall on either a Sunday, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday night. The occasions specified by the applicant include Boxing Night, New Year's Eve, St. Patrick's night, Easter Monday, May Day and Halloween.					
3.4	The applicant has provided a rationale to support their application for the extension in hours, this being: -					
	<ul> <li>Their students (local and international) have an expectation that entertainment is available until 2.00am.</li> <li>Not being able to trade to 2.00am will put them at a disadvantage.</li> <li>QUBSU had a 3.00am Licence for many years and understand the associated responsibility.</li> </ul>					
3.5	A copy of the applicant's submission is included on the application form in Appendix 1.					
3.6	Details of the request to amend the initial application to that as outlined in 3.2 and 3.3 is attached in Appendix 2.					

- 3.7 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.
- However, because the applicant has applied for a variation to extend the hours of entertainment past 1.00 am, the application is being presented to you for consideration.
- 3.9 The areas currently Licensed to provide indoor entertainment are the:
  - Ground Floor, with a maximum capacity of 410 persons.
  - First Floor, with a maximum capacity of 220 persons.
  - Second Floor, with a maximum capacity of 10 persons.
- 3.10 The premise operates as a Public House with entertainment currently provided in the form of DJ's and live band performances.
- **3.11** A location map is attached as Appendix 3.

## Representations

3.12 Notice of the application has been advertised and no written representations have been lodged.

# **PSNI**

3.13 The PSNI have confirmed that they have no objection to the application. A copy of their correspondence is attached as Appendix 4.

### **Health, Safety and Welfare Issues**

Two During Performance Inspection have been undertaken by Officers from the Service since the licence was granted on 1st September 2018 and all technical requirements and associated operational and management procedures have been checked and are satisfactory.

### **NIFRS**

3.15 The Northern Ireland Fire Rescue Service have confirmed that they have no objection to the application. A copy of their correspondence is attached as Appendix 4.

## Noise Issues

3.16 Four noise complaints have been received by the Service since the premises has been operating. Details of complaints have been conveyed to representatives of the premises on each occasion when the Service has been notified of a disturbance. A detailed response has been provided to the Service on behalf of the applicant following investigations into the noise complaints received. The response has been provided in Appendix 5.

### Financial & Resource Implications

**3.17** Officers carry out during performance inspections on premises providing entertainment, this is catered for within existing budgets.

	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment  There are no issues associated with this report.  Appendices – Documents Attached				
3.18					
4.0					
	<ul> <li>Appendix 1 – Copy of the Application Form and Variation</li> <li>Appendix 2 – Rationale for variation from the applicant</li> <li>Appendix 3 – Location Map</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Appendix 5 – Location Map</li> <li>Appendix 4 – PSNI response</li> <li>Appendix 5 – Update from applicant in respect of noise complaints</li> </ul>				