



Subject:	Applications for the Grant of a 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence for Whites Tavern, 2-4 Winecellar Entry
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues						
1.1	<p>To consider an application for the grant of a 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence and for permission to provide entertainment after 11.00 pm in respect of Whites Tavern based on the Council's standard conditions to provide outdoor musical entertainment.</p> <table border="0"><thead><tr><th>Area and Location</th><th>Ref. No.</th><th>Applicant</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Whites Tavern Unit to the rear at 14-16 High Street Belfast</td><td>WK/202000700</td><td>Mr Paul Langsford Clover Pubs NI No.3 Ltd, 2-4 Winecellar Entry, Belfast, BT1 1QN</td></tr></tbody></table>	Area and Location	Ref. No.	Applicant	Whites Tavern Unit to the rear at 14-16 High Street Belfast	WK/202000700	Mr Paul Langsford Clover Pubs NI No.3 Ltd, 2-4 Winecellar Entry, Belfast, BT1 1QN
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1.2	A location map is attached as Appendix 1.						
1.3	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	<p>The Committee is requested, having heard from the applicant, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Approve the application for the grant of the 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence and for permission to provide entertainment after 11.00 pm, orb) Approve the application for the grant with special conditions, orc) Refuse the application for the grant of the 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence and for permission to provide entertainment after 11.00 pm.						

2.2	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
	<p data-bbox="272 461 427 495"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 528 1469 725">3.1 The applicant has applied to provide outdoor entertainment within 14-16 High Street. A new opening has been formed between Whites Tavern and this building and the roof of it has been removed to create an external space. The building works to create this external space are ongoing and are planned to be completed by the end of August. If the Committee are minded to grant the Outdoor Entertainments Licence, it will not be issued until such time as all works and technical requirements are completed to the satisfaction of the Service.</p> <p data-bbox="165 763 1469 927">3.2 The applicant has also proposed to provide entertainment within the new outdoor area beyond 11.00pm. The day and hours proposed include:</p> <ul data-bbox="288 864 1246 927" style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday to Saturday: 12.00 pm to 2.00 am the following morning, and • Sunday: 12.30 pm to 1.00 am the following morning. <p data-bbox="165 965 1469 1028">3.3 Members are reminded that applications to provide outdoor entertainment beyond 11.00 pm are subject to consideration by Committee.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1066 1469 1128">3.4 The current Indoor Entertainments Licence granted to the premises is a 7-Day Annual Licence which extends to 2.00 am.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1167 1469 1296">3.5 The applicant proposes to provide entertainment within the new outdoor area in the form of DJs and live bands. Due to restrictions on licensed premises arising from Covid 19 the outdoor area will be used to increase capacity for the venue whilst adhering to social distancing requirements.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1335 1129 1368">3.6 Layout plans of the new outdoor area are attached at Appendix 2.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1402 507 1435"><u>Representations</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1469 1469 1532">3.7 Public notice of the application has been placed and no written representation has been lodged as a result of the advertisement.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1570 347 1603"><u>PSNI</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1637 1469 1700">3.8 The Police Service of Northern Ireland has been consulted and has confirmed that they have no objection to the application. A copy of their response is attached as Appendix 3.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1738 363 1771"><u>NIFRS</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1805 1469 1868">3.9 The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service were also consulted and have no objection to the application.</p>

	<p><u>Health, safety and welfare</u></p> <p>3.10 The outdoor area has been designed to allow patrons to socially distance. The applicant has created an event management plan outlining how the area will be managed to ensure the health and safety of their patrons and staff. Included within this are policies on customer social distancing, staff social distancing, PPE, hand washing and waiter service.</p> <p>3.11 The Building Control Service has provided a copy of the applicant's proposals to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to the Health and Safety section of City and Neighbourhood Services for their consideration.</p> <p>3.12 The site will be inspected during the build of the outdoor space to ensure that all technical matters are compliant prior to completion.</p> <p>3.13 Due to the COVID-19 situation no recent during performance inspections have been undertaken by the Service.</p> <p><u>Noise</u></p> <p>3.14 No noise complaints have been received in relation to the premises in the last 12 month period.</p> <p>3.15 There does not appear to be any residential premises in the vicinity and therefore it is unlikely that noise from the area of the premises will adversely impact on nearby noise sensitive premises. However, as the applicant proposes to provide outdoor entertainment to 2.00 am we have requested that an acoustic report be provided for the outdoor area. This is being developed and will be provided to our Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) for evaluation.</p> <p>3.16 Members are reminded that the Clean Neighbourhood And Environment Act 2011 gives the council additional powers in relation to the control of entertainment noise after 11.00 pm.</p> <p><u>Applicant</u></p> <p>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 application.</p> <p>3.18 A supplementary letter from the applicant outlining their reasons for applying for an outdoor licence is attached as Appendix 4.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.19 None.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>3.20 There are no issues associated with this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 1 – Location Map • Appendix 2 – Layout Plans • Appendix 3 – PSNI Response • Appendix 4 – Supplementary letter from the applicant.