

**Democratic Services Section
Legal and Civic Services Department
Belfast City Council
City Hall
Belfast
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**Belfast
City Council**

10th September, 2026

MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room, City Hall and remotely via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 16th September, 2026 at 5.15 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

John Walsh

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

1. **Routine Matters**

- (a) Apologies
- (b) Minutes
- (c) Declarations of Interest

2. **Delegated Matters**

- (a) Houses in Multiple Occupation Licences issued under Delegated Authority (Pages 1 - 14)
- (b) Licences Issued Under Delegated Authority (Pages 15 - 22)
- (c) Application for the variation of an Entertainments Licence - Hilton Hotel Belfast (Pages 23 - 28)

3. **Non-Delegated Matters**

- (a) Notices of Motion Annual Update (Pages 29 - 34)

By virtue of paragraph(s) 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 6
of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

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Subject:	Licences Issued Under Delegated Authority
Date:	16 September 2026
Reporting Officer:	Kate Bentley, Director of Planning & Building Control, Ext. 2300
Contact Officer:	Stephen Hipkins, Building Control Manager, Ext. 2435

Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes ☐ No ☒
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Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes ☒ No ☐

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues																																				
1.1	Under the Scheme of Delegation, the Director of Planning and Building Control is responsible for exercising all powers in relation to the issue, but not refusal, of Permits and Licences, excluding provisions relating to the issue of Licences where adverse representations have been made.																																				
2.0	Recommendations																																				
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Chelsea Wine Bar, 344-346 Lisburn Road, Malone Lower, Belfast, BT9 6GH	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Robert Davis, Regency Hotel (Northern Ireland) Limited
Robinsons Bar, 38-42 Great Victoria Street, Belfast, Antrim, BT2 7BA	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Robert Davis, Regency Hotel (Northern Ireland) Limited
Thompsons Garage, 3 Pattersons Place, Belfast, Antrim, BT1 4HW	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Stephen Boyd, Endless Music Limited
The Topsy Bird, 96-100 Ann Street, Belfast, Antrim, BT1 3HH	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Bobby Robertson, Glendola Leisure (Holdings) Limited
Ben Madigan's Bar and Kitchen, 169-175 Cavehill Road, Belfast, BT15 5BP	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Kelvin Collins, Ben Madigan's Bar and Kitchen Ltd
Sarsfield GAC, 27a Stewartstown Avenue, Belfast, BT11 9GE	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Fiona Maguire, Sarsfield GAC
Woodvale Park - Marquee Woodvale Road, Belfast, BT13 3BN	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Stephen Leonard, BCC City and Neighbourhoods Department
Ramada By Wyndham, 20 Talbot Street, Belfast, Antrim, BT1 2LD	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Marc McCrea, Ducales Asset No 1 Limited
Whiterock Community Centre, Whiterock Close, Belfast, BT12 7RG	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Yvonne Coyle, BCC Community Services
Sandy Row Community Centre, 67-75 Sandy Row, Belfast, BT12 5ER	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Yvonne Coyle, BCC Community Services
North Queen Street Community Centre, 46a, Victoria Parade, Belfast, BT15 2EN	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Yvonne Coyle, BCC Community Services
Morton Community Centre, 8-10 Lorne Street, Belfast, BT9 7DU	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Yvonne Coyle, BCC Community Services
Highfield Community Centre, High Green, Belfast, BT13 3SA	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Yvonne Coyle, BCC Community Services
Hammer Main Hall, 132-142 Agnes Street, Belfast, BT13 1GG	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Yvonne Coyle, BCC Community Services
Duncairn Community Centre, Edlingham Street, Belfast, BT15 2JZ	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Yvonne Coyle, BCC Community Services
Donegall Pass Community Centre, 25 Apsley Street, Belfast, BT7 1BL	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Yvonne Coyle, BCC Community Services
Dee Street Community Centre, 12-16 Dee Street, Belfast, BT4 1FT	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Yvonne Coyle, BCC Community Services
John Hewitt Bar, 51 Donegall Street, Belfast, BT1 2FH	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Charlie Gallagher, Boundary Brewing Cooperative Limited
Alexandra Social & Recreation Club, 170 Alexandra Park Avenue, Skegoneill, Belfast, BT15 3GJ	Renewal - 6 Day Annual (Mon-Sat)	Samuel Crozier
Newforge Sports Complex, 18c Newforge Lane, Belfast, BT9 5NW	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Jonathan Caldwell, Newforge Community Development Trust
The Points, 44 Dublin Road, Belfast, BT2 7HN	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Corick Facilities Management Limited

3.2	Maverick, 106 Donegall Street, Belfast, BT1 2GX	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	John McElhatton, Maverick (NI) Ltd
	St Marks Church Dundela, Heyn Hall, 2 Sydenham Avenue, Belfast, BT4 2DR	Renewal - Occasional 14 Day Unspecified	Yvonne Davidson, St Marks Church
	Crescent Arts Centre, University Road, Belfast, BT7 1NH	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Sophie Hayles, Crescent Arts Centre
	Ewarts Bowling Club, 21 Somerdale Park, Belfast, BT14 7HD	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	David Lavery, Ewarts Bowling Club
	Church Of God Glenmachan, 13, Glenmachan Road, Belfast, BT4 2NL	Renewal - Occasional 14 Day Unspecified	Pastor Alan Stephens, Church of God Glenmachan
	Dunmurry Presbyterian Church Hall, 224 Kingsway, Belfast, BT17 9AE	Renewal - Occasional 14 Day Unspecified	Kerrie Greer, Dunmurry Presbyterian Church
	Belfast Castle, Antrim Road, Belfast, BT15 5GR	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Cathryn McOscar, Belfast Castle
	QUB, Sir William Whitla Hall, 70 University Road, Belfast, BT7 1NN	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Ryan Feeney, QUB
	QUB, Riddel Hall, 185, Stranmillis Road, Belfast, BT9 5EE	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Ryan Feeney, QUB
	Campbell College, Belmont Road, Belfast, BT4 2ND	Renewal - Occasional 14 Day Unspecified	Wayne Harper, Campbell College
	The Linen House - Sweet Afton, Rita's, Franklins and The Perch, Franklin House, 12, Brunswick Street, Belfast, BT2 7GE	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Catherine McCrory, Franwick Trading Limited
	Belfast Indoor Bowls, 115 Milltown Road, Belfast, BT8 7XP	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Chris Mulholland, Belfast Indoor Bowls
	Seatons of Sailortown, 57 Dock Street, Belfast, BT15 1LF	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Kelvin Collins, Gricol Pubs Ltd
	The Flint Hotel, 48 Howard Street, Belfast, BT1 6PG	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Ben Ringland, Victoria 2 Ltd
	The Foundry, 10-16 Hill Street, Belfast, BT1 2LA	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Nicole Kane, Ducales Asset No.4 Limited
	St Colmcilles Parochial Hall, St Colmcilles R C Church, 191, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3JB	Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Conor McGrath, St Colmcilles Parochial Hall
	Shoe Factory, 12-14 Union Street, Belfast, BT1 2JF	Outdoor Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Richard Woods, Anthology Trading 3 Ltd.
	Thompsons Garage, 3 Pattersons Place, Belfast, Antrim, BT1 4HW	Outdoor Renewal - 7 Day Annual	Stephen Boyd, Endless Music Limited
	Kelly's Cellars, 30-32 Bank Street, Belfast, BT1 1HL	Outdoor Transfer and Renewal – 7 Day Annual	Henry Downey, Eagle-Glen Limited
Under the terms of the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 no Amusement Permits were issued since your last meeting.			

3.3

Under the terms of the Cinemas (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 no Cinema Licences were issued since your last meeting.

3.4

Under the terms of the Petroleum Consolidation Act 1929 the following Petroleum Licences were issued since your last meeting.

Premises and Location	Type of Application	Applicant
Sainsburys Petrol Station, 302 Airport Road West, Belfast, BT3 9EJ	Renewal Application	Louis Magari, Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd
Embankment Service Station, 287a Shore Road, Belfast, BT15 3PW	Renewal Application	Arthur Eugene O'Reilly, Jesroe (Services) Ltd
Creightons of Finaghy, 87-89 Upper Lisburn Road, Finaghy, Belfast, BT10 0GY	Renewal Application	Andrew Porter, Creightons of Finaghy Ltd
Creightons of Blacks Road 243-267 Upper Lisburn Road, Finaghy, Belfast, BT10 0LN	Renewal Application	Andrew Porter, Creightons of Blacks Road Ltd
Creightons of Balmoral 2 Upper Lisburn Road, Finaghy, Belfast, BT10 0AA	Renewal Application	Andrew Porter, Creightons of Balmoral Ltd
Albertbridge Filling Station, BP Filling Station, 310, Albertbridge Road, Belfast, BT5 4GX	Renewal Application	Richard Law, ABRFS Ltd
Sainsburys Filling Station, Kennedy Centre, 580, Falls Road, Belfast, BT11 9AB	Renewal Application	Louis Magari, Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd
Tesco Filling Station Knocknagoney, Knocknagoney Road, Belfast, BT4 2PW	Renewal Application	Gurdeep Ark, Tesco Stores Limited
GO Antrim Road Petrol Station, 409 Antrim Road, Belfast, Antrim, BT15 3BJ	Renewal Application	Daniel Loughran, LCC Group Limited
Lisnasharragh PSNI Station, 42 Montgomery Road, Belfast, BT6 9LD	Renewal Application	PSNI Transport Services Branch

3.5

Under the terms of the Street Trading Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 the following Street Trading Licences were issued since your last meeting (excluding Fleadh 2026 related applications).

Location	Type of Application	Commodity	Hours Licensed	Applicant
Designated site #67 Lay-by Annadale Embankment	Variation of days/hours	Hot and cold beverages and cold food.	Monday – Sunday 7am – 8pm	Murdoch Boyd, NI Coffee Ltd
Designated site #15, Duncrue Link 50ft from junction with Duncrue Road (move from Falcon Road)	Variation – location & days change	Hot food and beverages	Monday – Friday 7am – 3pm	Daniel Smyth STR-EATZ Mobile Food
Designated site #39 Area beside Lagan Lookout Building, #2 Donegall Quay	Renewal	Hot and cold food and beverages	Monday – Saturday 9am – 9pm	Gary Quinn, Taquitos Ltd
Outside 58 Boucher Road, Belfast (for Concert Events)	Temporary Grant	Disposable and recyclable powerbanks, water and fashion glasses.	29 &30 August 2026 12pm – 12am	Eamon McDonnell, Quick Charge

3.6	Ormeau Embankment (for Ormeau Park Concerts)	Temporary Grant	Disposable and recyclable powerbanks	26-30 June and 1 July 2026 2pm-12am	Eamon McDonnell, Quick Charge
	Outside 4-6 Union street, Belfast	Temporary Grant	Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	Pride 2026- 25 July 2026	Richard Woods, Anthology Trading 3 Ltd
	Lisburn Road, near junction with Edinburgh Street,	Temporary Grant	Clothing, drums, band poles, confetti, hats, whistles, sunglasses, hair colour packets and flags	13 July 2026 8am – 6pm	Raymond Coulter
	Along route of Twelfth Parade	Temporary Mobile Grant	Drums, band poles, toys and hats	13 July 2026 9am – 5pm	Piers Milligan, KP Catering
	Outside 793 Lisburn Road (site 2)	Temporary Grant	Drums, band poles, toys and hats	13 July 2026 8am – 5pm	Piers Milligan, KP Catering
	Outside 793 Lisburn Road (site 1)	Temporary Grant	Hot food and beverages	13 July 2026 9am – 5pm	Piers Milligan, KP Catering
	Lisburn Road near Junction With Lower Windsor Avenue	Temporary Grant	Ice cream, beverages and confectionery	13 July 2026 8am – 7pm	Deniese Baxter Town + Country Catering
	Lisburn Road near Junction With Lower Windsor Avenue	Temporary Grant	Beverages, confectionery and baked goods.	13 July 2026 8am – 7pm	Stephen Baxter Town + Country Catering
	Lisburn Road near Junction With Lower Windsor Avenue	Temporary Grant	Hot food and beverages	13 July 2026 8am – 7pm	Stephen Baxter Town + Country Catering
	Lisburn Road, beside Spar Lisburn Road/Sandy Road Junction	Temporary Grant	Hot food and beverages	13 July 2026 8am – 7pm	Stephen Baxter Town + Country Catering
	Dublin Road, at old movie house site	Temporary Grant	Donuts, confectionery & beverages	13 July 2026 8am – 7pm	Stephen Baxter Town + Country Catering
	Outside 1 Union Street	Temporary Grant	Soft drinks and pre-mixed cocktails	Pride 2026 - 25 July 2026 12pm -12am	Mark Hasson, Maverick Bar
	Along route of Twelfth Parade	Temporary Mobile Grant	Toys	13 July 2026 8am – 6pm	Nathan Johnston, NJ Toys
	Lisburn Road, at corner of Derryvolgie Avenue	Temporary Grant	Toys and novelties	13 July 2026 8am – 6pm	Nathan Johnston, NJ Toys
	Outside 100-102 Lisburn Road	Temporary Grant	Toys, hats, flags, clothing, drums and whistles	13 July 2026 8am – 7pm	Robert Crooks
	Dublin Road, at old movie house site	Temporary Grant	Toys, hats, flags, clothing, drums and whistles	13 July 2026 8am – 7pm	Robert Crooks
	Lisburn Road outside Bradbury Clinic	Temporary Grant	Toys, hats, flags, clothing, drums and whistles	13 July 2026 8am – 7pm	Robert Crooks
	Shaftesbury Square, junction with Fulton Street	Temporary Grant	Toys, hats, flags, clothing, drums and whistles	13 July 2026 8am – 7pm	Robert Crooks

Under the terms of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 the following Road Closure Orders were issued since your last meeting.

Location	Type of Activity	Date and Hours permitted	Applicant
Art Detectives Series 2 (2) – Clarence Street, Linenhall St, Adelaide St	Filming Grant Application	17 & 18 August 2026,	David Cooke
Art Detectives Series 2 (3) – Eblana St, Cromwell Rd Canterbury St, Upper Crescent	Filming Grant Application	10 , 14 August &18 August	David Cooke
Galloper Thompson 5K run (Skegoneill, Somerton, Fortwilliam, Innisfayle, Donegall Pk)	Running race Grant Application	16 October 2026, 7pm – 8.45pm	Conal McCambridge
Feile 10k & 5k runs, Greater Andersonstown/Falls area	Running races Grant Application	2 August 2026,	Gerry McClory, Feile an Phobail Limited
2026 Phoenix Energy Belfast City Half Marathon (Central & South Belfast)	Running Race Grant Application	20 September 2026	Matthew McConnell, Belfast City Marathon
Line of Duty 7, Corporation St, Ann St Underpass	Filming Grant Application	25 & 27-28 June 2026	Josh Suter, ITV PLC
Community Street Party (Twaddell Ave)	Community Event/Street Party Grant Application	10 July 2026	Alfred McCrory, Twaddell & Woodvale Residents' Association
Rainbow Quarter Pride Event, Union Street	Street Party/Event Grant Application	25 July 2026	Mark Hasson, Maverick (NI) Ltd
Holyland Community BBQ, Rugby Road	Community Event/Street Party Grant Application	4 July 2026	Chloe Dornan, Forward South Partnership
Roden Street Family Fun Day – Street Party	Community Event/Street Party Grant Application	11 July 2026	Charlie Curry
Giant's Trail Run, Minnowburn, Giants Ring	Running race Grant Application	31 July 2026	Brian Jack
July Celebrations (Donegall Road)	Community Event/Street Party Grant Application	10 July 2026	Zara Gregg, GVRT
Centra Run 2026, Ormeau Embankment	Running Race Grant Application	18 October 2026, 9am-1pm	Beth Healy, Pioneer Group
Laganside 10K	Running Race Grant Application	06 September 2026	Conal McCambridge

3.7

Under the terms of the Licensing of Pavement Cafés Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 the following Pavement Café Licences were issued since your last meeting.

Premises and Location	Type of Application	Applicant
Tone Zone NI / Sloan's Gym Eastwood House, 2-4, Chapel Lane, Belfast, BT1 1HH	Grant Application	Jonathan Sloan, Tone Zone NI/ Sloan's Gym
Revolucion de Cuba, 25 Arthur Street, Belfast, BT1 4GA	Variation Application	Daniel McGee, Revolucion de Cuba Limited

	Pats Bar, 17 Lombard Street, Belfast, BT1 1RB	Variation Application	Padraic Brennan, Pacon Inns Limited
	Margot, 18 Donegall Square East, Belfast, BT1 5HD	Variation Application	Zoe Watson, Clover Group P.L.C.
	Yugo, Units 1-3, Wellington Buildings, 2-4, Wellington Street, Belfast, BT1 6HT	Grant Application	Kyle Stewart, Yugo Creations Limited
	City Picnic, Mcauley House, 2-14, Castle Street, Belfast, BT1 1HB	Variation Application	Castle Enterprise 2017 Limited
	The Deers Head, 1-3 Lower Garfield Street, Belfast, Antrim, BT1 1FP	Variation Application	Gareth Nethercott, JAR (IRE) Ltd
	The Watson, 2-14 Little Donegall Street, Belfast, BT1 2JD	Grant Application	Gareth Nethercott, JAR (IRE) Ltd
	The Chubby Cherub Ristorante, 11 Chichester Street, Belfast, BT1 4JA	Grant Application	Eamon McCusker, Chubby cherub Coffee Co. Ltd
	Fountain Lane, 16-20 Fountain Street, Belfast, Antrim, BT1 5ED	Grant & Variation Application	Zoe Watson, clover Group PLC
	Whites Tavern, 2-6 Winecellar Entry, Belfast, BT1 1QN	Variation Application	Zoe Watson, clover Group PLC
	Haymarket, Unit 9, The Haymarket, 84, Royal Avenue, Belfast BT1 1DJ	Variation Application	James Joyce, Coobet Trading Ltd
	Joxer Ormeau, 304 Ormeau Road, Ormeau, Belfast, BT7 2GE	Grant Application	Aedan Harrison
	Charlie's Unit 4, 338b Ormeau Road, Ormeau, Belfast, BT7 2GE	Grant Application	Martin Duggan, Charlies Pizza Belfast Limited
	Ibis Belfast City Centre, 100 Castle Street, Belfast, BT1 1HP	Grant Application	Natasha Doherty, Andras House Limited
	The Linen House, Franklin House, 12, Brunswick Street, Belfast, BT2 7GE	Grant Application	Catherine McCrory, Franwick Trading Limited
	Bob and Berts, 36-40 Ann Street, Belfast, Antrim, BT1 4EG	Grant Application	Debbi McCrory, Bob and Berts Ann Street Limited
3.8	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>		
	None.		
3.9	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>		
	There are no issues associated with this report.		



Subject:	Application for the Variation of 7-Day Annual Entertainments Licence for Hilton Hotel Belfast
Date:	16 September 2026
Reporting Officer:	Kate Bentley, Director of Planning and Building Control, Ext. 2300
Contact Officer:	Stephen Hipkins, Building Control Manager, Ext. 2435

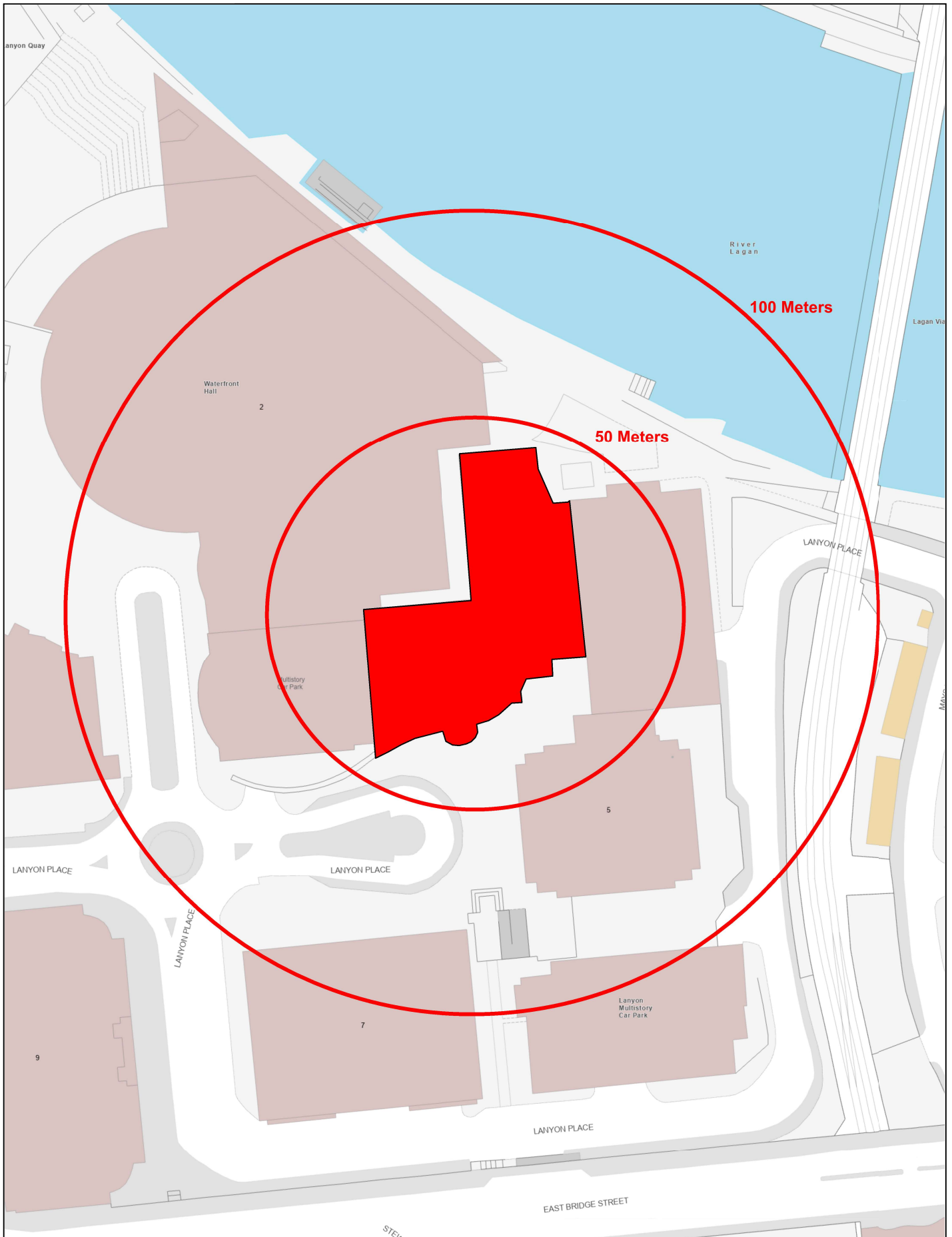
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Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes ☒ No ☐

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues								
1.1	To consider the application, from Pandox Hilton Ltd, for the variation of their 7-Day Annual Entertainments Licence based on the Council's standard conditions, to provide music, singing, dancing or any other entertainment of a like kind, for the following premises: <table><tr><td>Area and Location</td><td>Ref. No.</td><td>Applicant</td></tr><tr><td>Hilton Hotel Belfast, 4 Lanyon Place, Belfast, BT1 3LP</td><td>WK/2022/04842</td><td>Ms Alison Burnside</td></tr></table>			Area and Location	Ref. No.	Applicant	Hilton Hotel Belfast, 4 Lanyon Place, Belfast, BT1 3LP	WK/2022/04842	Ms Alison Burnside
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1.2	Location map for the premises is attached as Appendix 1								
2.0	Recommendations								
2.1	Taking into account the information presented and any representations made in respect of the application, Members are recommended to approve the application for the variation of the 7-Day Annual Entertainments Licence to permit entertainment to be provided to 3.00 am on Monday-Saturday as requested subject to any special conditions considered necessary by officers.								
2.2	Should Members be minded to refuse the application, 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, entertainment may not be provided to the later hours requested until any such appeal is determined.								
3.0	Main report								
	<u>Key Issues</u>								
3.1	The days and hours during which entertainment may be provided under the terms of the current Entertainments Licence are: <table><tr><td>Monday – Saturday</td><td>11:30am to 1.00am the following morning</td></tr><tr><td>Sunday</td><td>12:30pm to 1.00am the following morning.</td></tr></table>			Monday – Saturday	11:30am to 1.00am the following morning	Sunday	12:30pm to 1.00am the following morning.		
Monday – Saturday	11:30am to 1.00am the following morning								
Sunday	12:30pm to 1.00am the following morning.								
3.2	The nature of the variation applied is to extend the hours during which entertainment may be provided to 3.00am the following morning from Monday to Saturday.								
3.3	The licensee has stated they would like the variation to extend the permitted hours until 3.00am Monday to Saturday to accommodate requests from large groups of guests who stay in the hotel and to facilitate the arrival of non-hotel customers and increased visitor accommodation capacity, in line with their business strategy.								
3.4	The areas of the hotel licenced for entertainment are the bar and restaurant on the ground floor and the Ballroom and foyer and Lisburn Suite on the first floor. <u>Representations</u>								
3.5	Public notice of the application has been placed in the newspaper, and no written representation has been lodged as a result of the advertisement.								

3.6	<u>PSNI</u> - The Police Service of Northern Ireland have been consulted in relation to the application and have confirmed that they have no objection to the variation application.
3.7	<u>NIFRS</u> - The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service have been consulted and have confirmed that they have no objection to the application.
	<u>Health, safety and welfare</u>
3.8	The premises has been subject to inspections as part of the licensing application process and all technical requirements and associated operational and management procedures have been checked and are satisfactory.
	<u>Noise</u>
3.9	No noise complaints have been received by the Service in the past 12 months.
3.10	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.
	<u>Applicant</u>
3.11	The applicant, and/or their representative will be available at your meeting to answer any queries you may have in relation to the application.
4.0	Financial & Resource Implications
	None. Officers will carry out during performance inspections while entertainment is taking place, which will be catered for within existing Service budgets.
5.0	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment
5.1	There are no issues associated with this report.
6.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Location map

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Subject:	Notices of Motion – Annual Update
Date:	16 th September 2026
Reporting Officer:	Kate Bentley, Director of Planning and Building Control
Contact Officer:	Jamie Uprichard, Business Research and Development Manager

Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes ☐ No ☒
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	☐
After Council Decision	☐
Some time in the future	☐
Never	☐

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes ☒ No ☐

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	This report provides an annual update on the Notices of Motion that the Licensing Committee is responsible for, in line with the agreement of the Strategic Policy & Resources (SP&R) Committee that all standing committees receive regular updates.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	It is recommended that the Committee: - Notes the updates to all Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance that Licensing Committee is responsible for as referenced in Appendix 1; and - Agrees to the closure of two Motions, as referenced in Appendix 1 and noted in paragraph 3.4 below.

3.0	Main report
3.1	At the SP&R Committee meeting on 25th October 2019, members agreed “<i>that this Council notes that other Councils produce a monthly status report in relation to Notices of Motion; and agrees Belfast City Council adopts a similar practice and produces a monthly Notice of Motion Update which will be brought to each full Council Meeting, detailing the following:</i> 1. <i>Date received</i> 2. <i>Notice of motion title</i> 3. <i>Submitted by which Councillor</i> 4. <i>Council meeting date</i> 5. <i>Committee motion is referred to</i> 6. <i>Outcome of committee where Notice of Motion will be debated</i> 7. <i>Month it will be reported back to committee</i> 8. <i>Other action to be taken.</i>
3.2	Following a review exercise, a new database containing all Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance at Committee was created and reporting to Committees commenced in March 2021. Licensing Committee is provided with an annual report containing an overview of the actions taken and the progress of each motion that the committee is responsible for.
3.3	At the SP&R Committee on 20th November 2020, members approved the arrangement for the future management of motions, which included recommendations that Notices of Motion could be closed for one of two reasons: • Category 1 – Notice of Motion contained an action that has been completed. All Notices of Motion within this category contained a specific task that has since been complete. It is worth noting that, when Committee agree to action a Notice of Motion, there are sometimes additional actions agreed alongside the Motion. As these are not technically part of the Notice of Motion, they are taken forward through normal committee decision making processes. The Notice of Motion can therefore be closed, but additional actions related to it will continue to be progressed and reported to the committee. • Category 2 - Notice of Motion has become Council policy or absorbed into a strategic programme of work. These Notices of Motion did not contain a specific task that could be complete but rather they are more strategic in nature and require changes in Council policy and/ or strategy for long term outcomes. Those listed within this category have all been agreed by Committee and are now either Council policy or are currently being implemented through a Council strategy that is managed by a Standing Committee through the corporate planning process.

3.4	There are presently 4 Notices of Motion and Issues Raised in Advance for which the Licensing Committee is responsible for. Members are asked to approve the recommendation to close 2 motions (detailed below) and note status updates for the other 2 motions which remain open. Additional information is included at Appendix 1. Category 1 Recommended Closures: • Drink Spike Testing Kits in Licensed Premises (ID = 265) In September 2025, Queens University Belfast, in partnership with the PSNI launched 'Drink Check', an initiative designed to provide reassurance, raise awareness in 33 popular bars and clubs across Belfast. Participating venues displayed posters making it clear that drink testing is available on-site, a visible deterrent to anyone considering spiking a drink. Venues were also supplied with drink testing strips, so in the event that a customer believed their drink may have been tampered with, they could bring it to the bar where staff would check it using the test kits. If the test indicates spiking, the PSNI are notified and will investigate. CCTV from the venue will be checked to help identify the individual responsible. • "Know your rights" information campaign for HMOs (ID = 426) This motion called on Council to send a letter to the NI Executive asking it to consider putting in place an appropriate regime for the management of short-term lets in Northern Ireland. A 'Know your rights' guide for House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) tenants was launched in September 2025, with a supporting promotional campaign. Updates and statistics have been brought to subsequent Committee meetings, and a further campaign ran from the end of Jan to start of Feb 2026, highlighting how students can check their rights in relation to leasing a HMO.
3.5	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> There are no additional financial implications attached to this report. Finance and resource implications are considered by Committee when taking decisions on the specific motions.
3.6	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are no equality, good relations or rural needs implications contained in this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents attached
	Appendix 1: Notices of Motion Live Database – Licensing Committee

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Licensing Committee Notice of Motions (x4)

ID	Date	Notice of Motion	Proposed By	Referral Route	Lead Officer	Latest Status Update
265	23/08/2022	Drink Spike Testing Kits in Licensed Premises	Cllr Murray	Notice of Motion - referred to Licensing Committee	Kate Bentley	<u>Recommend to Close</u> In September 2025, Queens University Belfast, in partnership with the PSNI launched 'Drink Check', an initiative designed to provide reassurance, raise awareness in 33 popular bars and clubs across Belfast. While reported cases of drink spiking in Belfast remain low, the initiative was spearheaded by Queen's Neighbourhood Engagement team to promote student safety and responded to concerns raised by students. Participating venues displayed posters making it clear that drink testing is available on-site, a visible deterrent to anyone considering spiking a drink. Venues were also supplied with drink testing strips, so in the event that a customer believed their drink may have been tampered with, they could bring it to the bar where staff would check it using the test kits. If the test indicates spiking, the PSNI are notified and will investigate. CCTV from the venue will be checked to help identify the individual responsible. As part of the council's work to End Violence Against Women and Girls, the Building Control Licensing team engage with hospitality premises that apply for or have an entertainments licence, signposting them to safer socialising initiatives. Under entertainments licensing the team assess event management plans including the health and welfare and medical provisions proposed to keep people attending outdoor concert events safe, when often there is a high risk of harm and vulnerability due to drugs and alcohol, often particularly for young women and girls. Officers from the council's community safety and alcohol enforcement teamwork in conjunction with licensing and event promoters and provide support to vulnerable people on the ground before, during and after outdoor concerts. For indoor nightclubs and dance music venues the licensing team references conditions within the safer dancing appendix of the council's Rules of Management for Indoor Places of Entertainment which have the aim of helping keep people attending indoor dance events safe from drink/drug related harm.
426	22/01/2025	"Know your rights" information campaign for HMOs	Cllr Conor McKay	Issue Raised in Advance (Licensing)	Eunan McConville	<u>Recommend to Close</u> A 'Know your rights' guide for HMO tenants was launched in September 2025, with a supporting promotional campaign. An update with communications report was taken into November Licensing Committee, agenda item 4c: https://minutes.belfastcity.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=85712 Members at this committee requested that officers provide statistics on the public level of

						engagement with the website on a quarterly basis. Stats have been provided for the period of September – December 2025 for the January 2026 Licensing Committee and this is to continue for each quarter to the HMO team. A further campaign ran from end of Jan to start of Feb 2026, highlighting how students can check.
442	25/03/2025	Harm Reduction Campaign	Cllr Brian Smyth	Notice of Motion - referred to Licensing Committee	Kate Bentley	A future report will consider this in the context of organisational structures, roles and responsibilities in Northern Ireland and the council's entertainment licensing obligations. In light of the operational demands related to the delivery of the Fleadh Cheoil festival, it was proposed that this motion be deferred for consideration until after the event (from September 2026).
477	23/10/2025	Unite's Work Safe - Home Safe Campaign	Cllr Aine Grogan	Notice of Motion - referred to Licensing Committee	Kate Bentley	A future report will consider the council's responsibilities under the relevant legislation and our ability to address the proposed motion. In light of the operational demands related to the delivery of the Fleadh Cheoil festival, it was proposed that this motion be deferred for consideration until after the event (from September 2026).