



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Application for the Variation of a Seven-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence - Town Square, 12-13 Lower Crescent</b>
<b>Date:</b>	16th November, 2022
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Stephen Hewitt, Building Control Manager, ext. 2435
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<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>						
1.1	<p>To consider an application for the variation of a Seven-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence for the hours during which entertainment may be provided at Town Square, based on the Council's Standard Conditions to provide music, singing, dancing or any other entertainment of a like kind.</p> <table><thead><tr><th><b>Area and Location</b></th><th><b>Ref. No.</b></th><th><b>Applicant</b></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Town Square 12-13 Lower Crescent Belfast BT7 1NR</td><td>WK/202200841</td><td>Victoria 1 Limited c/o 12-13 Lower Crescent Belfast BT7 1NR</td></tr></tbody></table>	<b>Area and Location</b>	<b>Ref. No.</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	Town Square 12-13 Lower Crescent Belfast BT7 1NR	WK/202200841	Victoria 1 Limited c/o 12-13 Lower Crescent Belfast BT7 1NR
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1.2	A location map is attached at Appendix 1.						

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	<p>Taking into account the information presented and any representations received Members are required to consider the application and to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) approve the application for the variation of the Seven-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence for permission to provide entertainment to 2.00 am, or</li> <li>b) Approve the application for the variation with special conditions, or</li> <li>c) Refuse the application for the variation of the Seven-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence for permission to provide entertainment to 2.00 am.</li> </ul>
2.2	<p>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, entertainment may not be provided to the later hours until any such appeal is determined.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p>The areas currently licensed to provide indoor entertainment and their maximum occupancies are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Square Bar – 180 persons</li> <li>• Town Square Cafe – 160 persons</li> </ul>
3.2	<p>The days and hours during which entertainment may be provided under the terms of the indoor Entertainments Licence are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday to Saturday: 11.30 am to 1.00 am the following morning,</li> <li>• Sunday: 12.30 pm to 1.00 am the following morning.</li> </ul>
3.3	<p>The variation application relates to a proposed extension to the hours during which entertainment can be provided on Friday and Saturday to 2.00 am the following morning.</p>
3.4	<p>Members are reminded that applications to provide indoor entertainment beyond 1.00 am subject to consideration by the Committee.</p>
3.5	<p>The applicant has stated that the extension of hours to 2.00am is to allow more flexibility to provide late night music entertainment and this will be used in conjunction with the Article 44a extension to Liquor Licensing hours.</p>
	<p><b><u>Representations</u></b></p>
3.6	<p>Public notice of the application has been placed and no written representation has been lodged as a result of the advertisement.</p>
	<p><b><u>PSNI</u></b></p>
3.7	<p>The Police Service of Northern Ireland has been consulted and has confirmed that it has no objection to the application.</p>

<p>3.8</p> <p>3.9</p> <p>3.10</p> <p>3.11</p> <p>3.12</p> <p>3.13</p> <p>3.14</p> <p>3.15</p>	<p>A copy of its correspondence is attached at Appendix 2.</p> <p><b><u>NIFRS</u></b></p> <p>The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service has been consulted in relation to the application and has confirmed that it has no objection to the application.</p> <p><b><u>Health, Safety and Welfare</u></b></p> <p>An inspection has been carried out on the premises within the past 12 months and officers from the Service are satisfied with all safety measures and management procedures.</p> <p><b><u>Noise</u></b></p> <p>One noise complaint has been received in relation to the premises in the last 12-month period. The Night-Time Noise Team visited the area and witnessed no noise whilst outside the complainant's property.</p> <p>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><b><u>Applicant</u></b></p> <p>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><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>There are no issues associated with this report.</p>
<p><b>4.0</b></p>	<p><b>Documents Attached</b></p>
	<p>Appendix 1 – Location map</p> <p>Appendix 2 – PSNI Response</p>