



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Grant of a 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence and request to provide entertainment beyond 11.00pm for an outdoor area to the rear of Lindsay House at 8 Callender Street.</b>
<b>Date:</b>	17 June 2026
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	This report is to consider an application from Ben Ringland for the grant of a 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence for the outdoor area of Lindsay House located at 8 Callender Street, based on the Council's standard conditions to provide outdoor musical entertainment.
1.2	Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann is taking place in Belfast from Sunday 2 August to Sunday 9 August 2026 and the applicant plans to provide entertainment in this outdoor area from Friday 31 July to Sunday 9 August.
1.3	The report is also to consider the applicant's request for permission for the musical entertainment to run beyond 11.00pm in the outdoor area on these ten nights.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	<p>Taking into account the information presented, and any representations received you are required to consider the application for grant of an Outdoor Entertainments Licence, and subject to all technical requirements being met, either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the application for the grant of the 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence, or</li> <li>2. Approve the application for the grant with special conditions, or</li> <li>3. Refuse the application for the grant of the 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence</li> </ol>
2.2	<p>Should the Committee agree that the 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence be granted, you are then required to consider the request to extend the hours of entertainment beyond the standard hours and, subject to all technical requirements being met, either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Agree that entertainment should be permitted to take place beyond the standard hours of licence to 1.00 am on all ten nights; or</li> <li>5. Agree that only on specified nights will entertainment be permitted to take place beyond the standard hours of licence to 1.00 am and that the other requested nights be permitted to take place to an earlier specified extended hour; or</li> <li>6. Refuse to extend hours on any night requested.</li> </ol>
2.3	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.
2.4	In the case that the applicant subsequently decides to appeal, outdoor entertainment may not be provided until any such appeal is determined. Due to time constraints, it is unlikely that an appeal could be concluded in time for entertainment to be provided during Fleadh 2026.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>

**Key Issues**

- 3.1 The applicant has submitted a 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence for the outdoor and outdoor covered areas located to the rear of Lindsay House at 8 Callender Street and linking through to Callender Street.
- 3.2 A Site Location Map is attached as Appendix 1 and Proposed Layout as Appendix 2.
- 3.3 The applicant has also proposed to provide entertainment within the new outdoor area to 1.00am on ten nights from the 31 July to the 9 August inclusive.
- 3.4 It should be noted that there will be amplified entertainment in the outdoor area, and an acoustic report has been submitted. The Licensee has confirmed that the music noise level will be reduced after 11pm to reduce the likelihood of unreasonable disturbance to nearby residents.
- 3.5 **Rationale for extended hours:** A rationale for extended hours beyond 11pm has been provided by the Licensee and is attached as Appendix 3.
- 3.6 A representative of the Licensee has been invited to attend your meeting.
- 3.7 **PSNI:** The Police confirmed they have no objection to the application. They have been contacted by the Service in relation to the request for extended hours, however, a response has not yet been received.
- 3.8 Should Members be minded to approve the grant of the licence and the extended hours requested, this should be subject to a satisfactory response from the PSNI on the matter.
- 3.9 **NIFRS** - The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service have been consulted in relation to the application, however, a response has not yet been received.
- 3.10 Should Members be minded to approve the grant of the licence this should be subject to a satisfactory response from NIFRS on the matter.
- 3.11 **Health, safety and welfare issues:** Officers have engaged with the Licensee and colleagues in the Fleadh events team in relation to the proposed use of this space and will participate in pre-event meetings.
- 3.12 An Event Management Plan for the entertainment offerings at 8 Callender Street has been received and is being evaluated by the Service and shared with other colleagues.
- 3.13 **Noise issues:** A significant consideration for Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) will be the proposal to provide outdoor entertainment after 11.00 pm. Members are reminded that the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 gives councils additional powers in relation to entertainment noise after 11.00 pm.
- 3.14 The Licensee has engaged an acoustic consultant and an acoustic report has been submitted to the Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) for appraisal.
- 3.15 The Licensee will also be required to produce a suitable neighbourhood pre-notification letter containing a nominated Licensee contact that residents may refer concerns or make complaints to. The extent of the letter's distribution, which will take place prior to the events will be agreed with the Licensee by the Service in consultation with EPU officers.

3.16	The event organisers will be reminded of the standard licence condition that receipt of significant complaints may lead to further late nights being curtailed. However, as the complaints are not all received on the nights that are the subject of the complaint a full picture does not emerge until all complaints are collated, by which time the events can be concluded.
3.17	<b>Applicant:</b> The applicant, and/or their representative will be available at your meeting to answer any queries you may have in relation to the application.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Financial and Resource Implications</b>  None. Officers will carry out inspections before and during the events which will be catered for within existing Service budgets.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</b>  There are no issues associated with this report.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appendix 1 – Site Location Map</li> <li>• Appendix 2 – Proposed Layout</li> <li>• Appendix 3 – Applicant’s rationale for extended hours</li> </ul>