



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Application for the Grant of a 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence for a carpark at 38-56 North Street.</b> <b>Application also to consider a request to provide outdoor entertainment beyond 11.00pm, and a request to provide indoor musical entertainment beyond 11.00pm within a marquee.</b>
<b>Date:</b>	17 June 2026
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Kate Bentley, Director of Planning & Building Control, Ext. 2300
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann will run for eight nights from Sunday 2 August to Sunday 9 August 2026.
1.2	This report is to consider an application from Kelvin Collins for the grant of a 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence for North Street carpark based on the Council's Standard Conditions to provide outdoor musical entertainment.
1.3	The request by the applicant also seeks permission for planned entertainment to run beyond 11.00pm on up to three nights in the outdoor area, and also within a marquee located on the site.
1.4	The applicant seeks the extension in hours of entertainment for Thursday 6, Friday 7, and Saturday 8 August.
<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 request for grant of Entertainments Licence and, subject to all technical requirements being met, either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve the application for the grant of the 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence, or</li> <li>• Approve the application for the grant with special conditions, or</li> <li>• Refuse the application for the grant of the 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence</li> </ul>
2.2	<p>Should the 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence be granted, members are asked to consider the request to extend the hours of entertainment and, subject to all technical requirements being met, either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree that all three of the events should be permitted to take place beyond the standard hours of licence to 1.00 am; or</li> <li>• Agree that only on specified nights will entertainment be permitted to take place beyond the standard hours of licence to 1.00am and that the other requested nights be permitted to take place to an earlier specified extended hour; or</li> <li>• Refuse to extend all of the hours as requested.</li> </ul>
2.3	<p>In relation to the marquee, members are asked to consider the request to extend the hours of entertainment and, subject to all technical requirements being met, either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree that entertainment should be permitted to take place beyond the standard hours of licence to 1.00 am on the three nights during the Fleadh; or</li> </ul>

<p>2.4</p> <p>2.5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree that only on specified nights will entertainment be permitted to take place beyond the standard hours of licence to 1.00am and that the other requested nights be permitted to take place to an earlier specified extended hour; or</li> <li>• Refuse to extend hours on any night requested.</li> </ul> <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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>3.0</b></p>	<p><b>Main Report</b></p>
<p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p>	<p><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p>The applicant has made an application for a 14-Day Occasional Outdoor Entertainments Licence for a carpark located at 38-56 North Street</p> <p>The applicant has also proposed to provide entertainment within the new outdoor area beyond 11.00pm. The day and hours proposed are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday 6, Friday 7, and Saturday 8 August: 11.30am to 01.00am the following morning</li> </ul> <p>All remaining days of the 14-Day Occasional Licence are to remain as standard hours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11.30am to 11.00pm</li> </ul> <p>It should be noted that there will be no amplified entertainment in the outdoor area.</p> <p>In addition, the applicant has requested permission to provide entertainment beyond 11.00pm within a marquee to be located at the site. This particular structure is subject to the conditions of a Marquee Entertainments Licence granted for the site. The day and hours proposed are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday 6, Friday 7, and Saturday 8 August: 11.30am to 01.00am the following morning</li> </ul> <p>It should be noted that there will be amplified entertainment in the marquee.</p> <p>The following Special Conditions are attached to both the Marquee and Outdoor Entertainments Licences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum numbers will be agreed at the discretion of the Building Control Service and will vary depending upon individual concert set up proposals.</li> <li>• Prior to any event taking place the promoters are required to demonstrate evidence of early consultation and have in place a robust system of dealing with any complaints, which has been agreed in advance with the Council.</li> <li>• Any requests to provide entertainment later than 11.00 pm must be considered by the Licensing Committee and therefore must be made at least 3 months in advance of the proposed event.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Should an application to provide entertainment beyond 11.00 pm be granted and the Council then receive a significant number of complaints regarding noise or the complaint is of such significant impact, authority is granted to the Director of Planning and Building Control, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to reduce the finishing time for any subsequent nights of the event, in which case the promoter will be required to make contingency arrangements.</li> </ul>
3.8	The special conditions mean that this request to provide entertainment later than 11pm must be considered by the Licensing Committee.
3.9	As this is not an application to vary the terms of either the Indoor (Marquee) or Outdoor licences, but a request for Council's permission to extend the hours under an existing Licence Condition, there is no requirement for public advertisement in this case.
3.10	<b><u>Rationale for extended hours:</u></b> A rationale for extended hours beyond 11pm has been provided by the event organiser and is attached as Appendix 2.
3.11	The applicant has been invited to attend your meeting.
3.12	<b><u>PSNI:</u></b> The Police have been contacted by the Service in relation to the application and later hours request, however, a response has not yet been received.
3.13	Should Members be minded to grant the outdoor licence and approve the extended hours requested, this should be subject to a satisfactory response from the PSNI on the matter.
3.14	<b><u>NIFRS</u></b> - The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service have been consulted in relation to the application, however, a response has not yet been received.
3.15	Should Members be minded to grant the outdoor licence and approve the extended hours requested, this should be subject to a satisfactory response from the NIFRS.
3.16	<b><u>Health, safety and welfare issues:</u></b> Officers have engaged with the event organisers and colleagues in the Fleadh events team in relation to the events and will participate in pre-event meetings.
3.17	An Event Management Plan for the entertainment offerings at 38-56 North Street has been received and is being evaluated by the Service and shared with other colleagues.
3.18	<b><u>Noise issues:</u></b> 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.
3.19	The noise mitigation strategy will be discussed at the pre-event meetings.
3.20	The event organisers will be required to engage with an acoustic consultant and requested to document a noise mitigation strategy for each night of entertainment. The purpose of the strategy will be to demonstrate that noise from the event will not cause unreasonable disturbance to commercial and residential premises. Once received by the Service this strategy will be provided to EPU for appraisal.
3.21	The organisers will also be required to produce a suitable residents pre-notification letter containing a nominated event organiser contact that residents may refer concerns or make complaints to. The extent of the letter's distribution, which will take place prior to the event will be agreed with the event organiser by the Service in consultation with EPU officers.

3.22	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, it can be impracticable during the festival to curtail further nights at short notice, and as 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.
<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 – Applicant’s rationale for extended hours</li> </ul>