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| Subject: | Application for the Grant of a 7 Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence for Laverys Bar |
| Date: | 17 June 2026 |
| Reporting Officer: | Kate Bentley, Director of Planning & Building Control, Ext. 2300 |
| Contact Officer: | Stephen Hipkins, Building Control Manager, Ext. 2435 |

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Yes

No

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After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Sometime in the future

Never

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

No

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues | | | | | | |
| 1.1 | To consider an application for the grant of a 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence based on the Council's standard conditions, to provide outdoor musical entertainment for: <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Area and Location</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Ref. No.</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Applicant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Laverys Bar 12-18 Bradbury Place Belfast, BT7 1RS</td> <td>24373</td> <td>Mr Bernard Lavery</td> </tr> </table> | Area and Location | Ref. No. | Applicant | Laverys Bar 12-18 Bradbury Place Belfast, BT7 1RS | 24373 | Mr Bernard Lavery |
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| 1.2 | A location map 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 you are required to make a decision to either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approve the application for the grant of the 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence, or b) Approve the application for the grant with special conditions, or c) Refuse the application for the grant of the 7-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence. | | | | | | |
| 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 – Key issues | | | | | | |
| 3.1 | The areas currently licensed to provide entertainment are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground Floor Bar, with a maximum capacity of 485 persons. • First Floor Lounge, with a maximum capacity of 300 persons. • Second Floor, Pool Room Layout, with a maximum capacity of 300 persons. • Second Floor, Concert Layout, with a maximum capacity of 600 persons. • Mezzanine, with a maximum capacity of 60 persons. • Woodworkers Bar, with a maximum capacity of 210 persons. | | | | | | |
| 3.2 | The days and hours during which the premises are currently licensed to provide entertainment are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday to Thursday: 11.30 am to 1.00 am the following morning • Friday: 11.30 am to 2.00 am the following morning • Saturday: 11.30 am to 3.00 am the following morning • Sunday: 11.30 am to 12.00 midnight. | | | | | | |
| 3.3 | The premise operates as a public bar and nightclub with entertainment being provided on all floors in the form of live bands and DJs. | | | | | | |
| 3.4 | The applicant proposes to provide entertainment within three external areas, two of which are beer gardens located to the rear of Laverys Bar and the other is a roof top smoking area. | | | | | | |
| 3.5 | The proposed occupancy of the areas will be:- | | | | | | |

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| | <p>External beer garden, with a maximum capacity of 80 persons. External first floor beer garden, with a maximum capacity of 140 persons. Roof Top smoking area, with a maximum capacity of 100 persons.</p> |
| 3.6 | The applicant has applied to provide entertainment in the form of live music or DJ's, within these existing outdoor areas. |
| 3.7 | A layout plan is attached as Appendix 2. |
| 3.8 | The standard outdoor entertainment hours are Monday to Sunday: 11:30am to 11.00pm. |
| 3.9 | <p>However, the applicant has proposed providing entertainment on the following days and hours:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday to Sunday: 11:30 am to 1.00am the following morning |
| 3.10 | Members are reminded that all applications for the grant of Outdoor Entertainments Licences must be brought before Committee for consideration. |
| 3.11 | <u>Rationale for extended hours:</u> A rationale for extended hours beyond 11pm has been provided by the Licensee and is attached as Appendix 3. |
| 3.12 | <u>Representations:</u> Public notice of the application has been placed in the newspaper and no written representation has been lodged as a result of the advertisement. |
| 3.13 | <u>PSNI:</u> The Police have been consulted and have confirmed that they have no objection to the application. |
| 3.14 | A copy of the PSNI response is attached as Appendix 4. |
| 3.15 | <u>NIFRS:</u> The NIFRS have been consulted by the Service in relation to the application, however, a response has not yet been received. We will update the Committee at your meeting. |
| 3.16 | <u>Health, safety and welfare issues:</u> A total of three during performance inspections have been carried out on the premises by Officers from the Service regarding the provision of indoor entertainment in the past 12 months. |
| 3.17 | The inspections revealed that the conditions of the Entertainments Licence were being adhered to and Officers were satisfied that all operational and management procedures were being implemented effectively. |
| 3.18 | <u>Noise issues:</u> Given the nature of the entertainment at the venue, an acoustic report outlining the measures to be taken to ensure minimal disturbance to neighbouring residential premises, both due to noise breakout or from patron activity, was requested and forwarded to the Council's Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) for appraisal. |
| 3.19 | Members are reminded that the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2011 gives councils additional powers in relation to the control of entertainment noise after 11.00 pm. |
| 3.20 | Two noise complaints have been received concerning the premises in the last 12 months. |
| 3.21 | The applicant, and/or their representative will be available at your meeting to answer any queries you may have in relation to the application. |

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| 4.0 | <p>Financial and Resource Implications</p> <p>None. Officers will carry out inspections before and during the events which will be catered for within existing Service budgets.</p> |
| 5.0 | <p>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</p> <p>There are no issues associated with this report.</p> |
| 6.0 | <p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 1 – Location map • Appendix 2 – Layout plan • Appendix 3 – Applicants Rationale • Appendix 4 – PSNI Comments |