



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
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Yes

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No

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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Sometime in the future

Never

Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

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No

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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.		
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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