



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Licensing Committee
Subject:	Application for the Renewal of a Seven-day Annual Entertainments Licence - Kremlin Bar, 96 Donegall Street
Date:	20th June, 2012
Reporting Officer:	Suzanne Wylie, Director of Health of Environmental Services Ext 3260
Contact Officer:	Trevor Martin, Head of Building Control, ext. 2450

1	Relevant Background Information						
1.1	<p>An application was received on 8th March 2012 from Anthology NI Ltd. for the renewal of a Seven-day Annual Entertainments Licence for the Kremlin Bar.</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Premises and Location</th><th>Ref. No.</th><th>Applicant</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Kremlin Bar 96 Donegall Street Belfast, BT1 2GW</td><td>WK/2012/0366</td><td>Anthology NI Limited</td></tr></tbody></table>	Premises and Location	Ref. No.	Applicant	Kremlin Bar 96 Donegall Street Belfast, BT1 2GW	WK/2012/0366	Anthology NI Limited
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1.2	The applicant has requested that a renewal of the current hours (3.00 am) be granted.						
1.3	Public notice of the application was placed in the Irish News and the News Letter within 7 days of the application being made. No objections were received within the 28 day statutory period in response to the public notices.						

2	Key Issues
2.1	<p>Written representation, objecting to the application, has been received from the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI). The PSNI is objecting for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The South Belfast District Police has negotiated with licensees in their area to enter into an agreement to reduce their entertainment hours from 3:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., therefore the same needs to apply to the Kremlin Bar in order to demonstrate consistency and fairness.
2.2	Members may also be aware from a report presented at the May Committee that certain licensees in City centre establishments have signed up to this voluntary agreement with the PSNI and Pubs of Ulster which entails them ceasing entertainments before the latest hour stipulated in their entertainment licence. This reduction in hours is an agreement reached by those parties and not therefore a change of conditions imposed by the Council
2.3	This is part of a recent campaign led by PSNI to bring all late night Entertainment Licences back to 2:00 a.m.

3	Resource Implications
3.1	<u>Financial</u> None
3.2	<u>Human Resources</u> None
3.3	<u>Asset and Other Implications</u> None

4	Equality Implications
4.1	There are no equality or good relations issues.

5	Recommendation
5.1	Under the terms of The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1985 the Committee, when considering an application, must have regard to any representation from the PSNI.
5.2	As it is possible that this matter may take some time to consider, you are required to set a suitable date and time to receive the PSNI, the applicant and/or their representatives and, after having received their submissions, make a decision regarding the application.

6	Decision Tracking
Once the date is arranged for the special meeting all relevant parties will be notified of that meeting and the procedure that applies. The person responsible for this action is Henry Downey, Democratic Services Officer, Chief Executive's Department.	