



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Licensing Committee
Subject:	Application for the Renewal of a 7-day Annual Entertainments Licence for Mono Bar
Date:	20 March 2013
Reporting Officer:	Trevor Martin, Head of Building Control, ext. 2450
Contact Officer:	Stephen Hewitt, Building Control Manager, ext. 2435

1	Relevant Background Information						
1.1	<p>An application was received on the 15 January 2013 from Mr Gerald McCann for the renewal of a 7-day annual Entertainments Licence for Mono Bar.</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Premises and Location</th><th>Ref. No.</th><th>Applicant</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Mono Bar 96-100 Ann Street Belfast, BT1 3HH</td><td>WK/2013/067</td><td>Mr Gerald McCann</td></tr></tbody></table>	Premises and Location	Ref. No.	Applicant	Mono Bar 96-100 Ann Street Belfast, BT1 3HH	WK/2013/067	Mr Gerald McCann
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1.2	<p>Public notice of the application was placed in the Daily Mirror and the News Letter within 7 days of the application being made. No objections have been received in response to the public notices.</p>						
1.3	<p>Members may recall that the PSNI originally objected to the renewal of the licence in 2012 due to high levels of anti social behaviour and liquor licensing offences occurring at the premises.</p>						
1.4	<p>However, following several meetings organised by Officers of the Building Control Service between the applicant and the PSNI, an agreement was reached in order to develop an Action Plan for the premises.</p>						
1.5	<p>Members may recall that, at your meeting on 15 February 2012, you agreed to grant the Entertainments Licence subject to the licensee adhering to the action plan, as agreed with the Building Control Service and the Police Service of Northern Ireland.</p>						

2	Key Issues
2.1	<p>Officers from the Building Control Service and PSNI have met with the applicant Mr Gerald McCann and the premises manager, Mr Garry McCann, and facilitated monthly meetings in accordance with the agreed Action Plan.</p>
2.2	<p>Building Control Over the last 12 months, since the licence was renewed, the Service has not experienced any difficulty with the premises or the applicant. The monthly meetings have been very successful</p>

	and Officers have noted that the applicant has been responsive to any request and has taken a proactive approach regarding the management of the premises.
2.3	Since February 2012, Officers of the Service have also continued to carry out during performance inspections of the premises and have carried out a total of 4 inspections since February 2012. One inspection uncovered some minor issues which were quickly resolved.
2.4	As a result of the progress made, neither the Service nor the PSNI have concerns with the premises or the applicant. As such it is no longer seen as necessary to carry out monthly review meetings and it is suggested that the Action Plan be amended such that item 6 reads "The licensee or his representative will attend review meetings with the PSNI and the Council when required."
	PSNI
2.5	The PSNI has no objection to the renewal application and have agreed to the suggested amendment to the Action Plan.
2.6	A copy of the representation from the PSNI is appended to this report for your information.
2.7	A copy of the current Action Plan is appended to this report for your information.

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	Recommendations
5.1	Taking into account the information presented you are requested to approve the application for the renewal of the licence subject to the licensee adhering to the action plan, to be amended as outlined in paragraph 2.4.

6	Decision Tracking
If the application is granted, assuming all outstanding technical matters have been dealt with, the applicant will be sent a copy of the Licence within 7 days of the Council decision. The person responsible for this action is Trevor Martin, Head of Building Control.	

7	Key to abbreviations
PSNI – Police Service Northern Ireland	

For your information, the following supporting documents are contained in the Appendix to this Report:-

- Application form
- PSNI comments
- Copy of the current Action Plan