



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Application for the Grant of a 7-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence for the Belfast Telegraph Printworks, 124-144 Royal Avenue</b>
<b>Date:</b>	18th October, 2017
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Stephen Hewitt, Building Control Manager, Ext 2435
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**Restricted Reports**

Is this report restricted?

Yes

No

If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Some time in the future

Never

**Call-in**

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

No

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>			
<b>1.1</b>	<p>To consider an application for the Grant of a 7-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence for the Ground Floor of the former Belfast Telegraph Printworks, based on the Council's standard conditions to provide indoor music, singing, dancing or any other entertainment of a like kind.</p> <table><tr><td><b>Premises and Location</b> Belfast Telegraph Printworks 124-144 Royal Avenue Belfast BT1 1ND</td><td><b>Ref. No.</b> WK/201701227</td><td><b>Applicant</b> Mr Alan Simms Limelight Belfast Limited 17 Ormeau Avenue Belfast, BT2 8HD</td></tr></table>	<b>Premises and Location</b> Belfast Telegraph Printworks 124-144 Royal Avenue Belfast BT1 1ND	<b>Ref. No.</b> WK/201701227	<b>Applicant</b> Mr Alan Simms Limelight Belfast Limited 17 Ormeau Avenue Belfast, BT2 8HD
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<p><b>1.2</b></p> <p><b>1.3</b></p> <p><b>1.4</b></p> <p><b>1.5</b></p>	<p>Members are reminded that the normal process for dealing with Entertainments Licence applications which are not the subject of objections is that the Director of Planning and Place will grant the licence as provided for in the Council's Scheme of Delegation.</p> <p>However, further to consideration of the application at a special SP&amp;R Committee on Thursday 28 September, the Director of Planning and Place and the City Solicitor have requested that the application be considered by the Licensing Committee.</p> <p>A copy of the application form is attached as Appendix 1.</p> <p>A location map is attached as Appendix 2.</p>
<p><b>2.0</b></p>	<p><b><u>Recommendations</u></b></p>
<p><b>2.1</b></p> <p><b>2.2</b></p> <p><b>2.3</b></p>	<p>Taking into account the information presented and any representations received in respect of the application you are required to make a decision to either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the application for the grant of the 7-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence, or</li> <li>2. Approve the application for the grant of the 7-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence with special conditions, or</li> <li>3. Refuse the application for the grant of the 7-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence.</li> </ol> <p>If the 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>Members are reminded that the applicant is required to obtain all statutory consents before any further events take place.</p>
<p><b>3.0</b></p>	<p><b>Main report</b></p>
<p><b>3.1</b></p> <p><b>3.2</b></p> <p><b>3.3</b></p> <p><b>3.4</b></p>	<p><b><u>Key Issues</u></b></p> <p><b>Consideration by Strategic Policy and Resources Committee</b></p> <p>The Committee will be aware that on Thursday 28 September the City Solicitor tabled an item to the special SP&amp;R Committee regarding the interim use of the Belfast Telegraph Printworks by Limelight Belfast Limited.</p> <p>The Limited Liability Partnership between Belfast City Council and McAleer &amp; Rushe (Bel Tel LLP) acquired the Belfast Telegraph site in October 2016.</p> <p>Following the selection process the partnership agreed a nine-month licence with Limelight Belfast Limited to occupy and manage a large section of the ground floor of the site in the non-listed part of the building.</p> <p>A situation then arose whereby Limelight Belfast Limited had marketed and sold an estimated 2,000 tickets for an event on 30 September in advance of having its Entertainments Licence in place (albeit they had applied in August and the consultation period had ended in advance of the event itself), and prior to having received planning permission for a change of use to part of the building and physical alterations to the non-</p>

listed portion of the building (an application has now been lodged).

- 3.5** The occupiers had engaged with the Building Control Service and submitted an Entertainments Licence application in August and undertaken significant capital works to make the building safe for the proposed use. Where there are no objections, and safety conditions have been met, as in this case, the Director can approve the Entertainments Licence without putting it in front of the Committee. However, it was considered that in the circumstances that the decision should have political input.
- 3.6** Having been informed that all the necessary building works and safety measures had been satisfactorily undertaken, including the provision of an Events Management Plan, and in the knowledge the licensing application had been reviewed and approved by the Fire and Rescue Service and PSNI, the SP&R Committee agreed to grant an Entertainments Licence for a one-off event on 30 September.
- 3.7** A copy of the minutes from the meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee is attached as Appendix 3.
- 3.8** Following the SP&R Committee meeting Council officers, along with members of Bel Tel LLP as landlord, met with the occupiers of the building to confirm that an Entertainments Licence would relate only to the event of Saturday 30 September and that the client would do whatever was required to obtain the statutory consents in a timely way before any further events would take place.
- Consideration by the Licensing Committee**
- 3.9** Members are therefore asked to consider the application for the grant of a 7-Day Annual Indoor Entertainments Licence for the ground floor of the former Belfast Telegraph Printworks by Mr Alan Simms of Limelight Belfast Limited.
- 3.10** Members are reminded that the applicant is required to obtain all statutory consents before any further events take place.
- 3.11** Mr Simms is the licensee for Katy Dalys, Limelight, & Limelight 2, 17-21 Ormeau Avenue and is also the event promoter for Belsonic.
- 3.12** The areas where entertainment is proposed to be provided are as follows:
- Main Hall, with a maximum capacity of 1870 persons
  - Room 2, with a maximum capacity of 460 persons
  - Bar Area and Lobby, with a maximum capacity of 300 persons
- 3.13** The applicant has applied to provide entertainment on the following days and hours:
- Monday to Sunday: 7.00 pm to 1.00 am the following morning.
- 3.14** The applicant proposes to provide entertainment in the form of DJ's and live bands. During these occasions they will operate a public bar facility via an Occasional Liquor Licence.
- 3.15** A Layout plan of the venue is attached as Appendix 4.

### **Representations**

- 3.16 Notice of the application has been advertised and no written representations have been received.

### **Terms of Licence between Bel Tel LLP and Limelight Belfast Limited**

- 3.17 The applicant has carried out alterations and remedial works to the venue which have been completed to the satisfaction of the Service. However, at present planning permission has not yet been granted for change of use for the building and, as this is also a prerequisite of the Licence Agreement, the Director of Planning and Place and the City Solicitor have requested that the application be placed before the Committee for consideration.

### **PSNI**

- 3.18 The PSNI has been consulted and has confirmed that they have no objection to the application. Officers were also included in the discussions and planning for the event held on 30 September. A copy of their correspondence is attached as Appendix 5.

### **Health, safety and welfare inspections**

- 3.19 The premise has been subject to inspections as part of the Entertainments Licence application process and the building works carried out under the Building Regulations application.
- 3.20 Additionally, Officers of the Service were present throughout the event held on Saturday 30 September 2017 and were satisfied that all safety measures and management procedures were in place to protect the public, performers and staff.

### **NIFRS**

- 3.21 The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service has been consulted in relation to the application and confirmed that they have no objections. They were also included in the discussions and planning for the event held on Saturday 30 September 2017 and will be kept informed of any potential future events at the venue.

### **Noise Issues**

- 3.22 An acoustic report outlining the measures to be taken when entertainment is being provided has been assessed by EPU. The report outlines the measures to be put in place to minimise disturbance to neighbouring premises, either due to noise breakout or from patron activity.
- 3.23 Officers from the Night Time Noise Team carried out monitoring of the venue and surrounding area during the event and found that noise levels were satisfactory. No complaints have been received in relation to the event on 30 September.

### **Applicant**

- 3.24 The applicant and/or their representatives will be available at your meeting to answer any queries you may have in relation to the application.

<p><b>3.25</b></p> <p><b>3.26</b></p>	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>Officers carry out during performance inspections on premises providing entertainment but this is catered for within existing budgets.</p> <p><b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>There are no equality or good relations issues associated with this report.</p>
<p><b>4.0</b></p>	<p><b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appendix 1 – Application Form</li> <li>• Appendix 2 – Location map</li> <li>• Appendix 3 – Copy of the minutes from the meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 28 September 2017.</li> <li>• Appendix 4 – Layout plans of the venue</li> <li>• Appendix 5 – PSNI Correspondence</li> </ul>