



Subject:	Update on Premises Licensed to Provide Entertainment beyond 1.00 a.m.
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To provide the Committee with information regarding premises which are licensed to provide entertainment beyond 1.00 a.m. and the Council's powers to manage their impact upon local communities.
1.2	Members will recall that you requested this information at your meeting of 18 October 2017.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to note the information.

3.0	Main Report
	<p data-bbox="258 215 416 246"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 273 1474 405">3.1 Members are reminded that, at your meeting on 18th October, when considering an application to extend the permitted hours of an Entertainments Licence, you requested information on premises which are licensed to provide entertainment beyond 1.00 a.m. and details of the Council's powers to manage their impact upon local communities.</p> <p data-bbox="165 432 1474 530">3.2 Any application to extend the hours of entertainment beyond 1.00 a.m., whether or not objections have been received, is presented to Committee for consideration. Each application will then be assessed on its individual merits and location.</p> <p data-bbox="165 557 1321 589">3.3 There are currently 502 Entertainments Licenced venues in Belfast, consisting of:</p> <ul data-bbox="306 629 759 965" style="list-style-type: none"> - 195 Pubs / Clubs - 95 Registered Clubs - 41 Church Halls - 39 Community Centres - 30 Hotels - 27 Marquees - 25 Educational Establishments - 27 Restaurants - 16 Leisure Centres - 7 Theatres <p data-bbox="258 999 919 1030"><u>2.00 a.m. and 3.00 a.m. Entertainment Licences</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1061 1474 1131">3.4 The vast majority of these premises are only permitted to operate beyond 1.00 a.m. on certain nights of the week.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1162 509 1193">3.5 Of the 502 venues:</p> <ul data-bbox="306 1234 951 1303" style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 are permitted to operate to 2.00 a.m., and, • 42 are permitted to operate to 3.00 a.m. <p data-bbox="258 1337 1203 1368"><u>Council's Powers to Manage their Impact upon Local Communities.</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 1400 1474 1507">3.6 On receipt of an application for extended hours, officers discuss the proposals with the applicant to determine the need for additional hours and request the applicant to consider what measures they will implement to minimise any adverse impact.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1538 1474 1637">3.7 In most instances, the premises with extended hours are situated within the city centre, however, there are a number on arterial routes and, more recently, some premises located close to residential areas have been granted extended hours.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1668 1474 1738">3.8 A list of those premises with 2.00 a.m. and 3.00 a.m. Licences, is attached at Appendix 1. This is accompanied at Appendix 2 by a map showing the extent of the Licences.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1769 1474 1899">3.9 In considering applications for extended hours, Members have always been mindful of the impact this may have on the neighbourhood and generally look to introduce an additional level of control by attaching conditions aimed at minimising nuisance and disturbance. Many of these are suggested by the applicant and agreed in advance. Examples include:</p> <ul data-bbox="306 1933 1190 1964" style="list-style-type: none"> • Restrictions on the later nights of entertainment to the weekend;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement for the licensee to attend meetings with relevant parties, including local residents, to address any issues that arise; • Provision of a plan to ensure speedy patron dispersal; • Engagement with the PSNI; • Providing a traffic management plans including management of taxis; • Provision of signage at the premises and announcements at the end of the night to remind patrons to be mindful of residents; • Providing a direct line telephone contact for residents; • Setting of appropriate noise levels, the use of noise limiting devices and the proactive monitoring of noise levels by the licensee; and • Windows and doors to be kept shut.
3.10	Other conditions attached are more general technical requirements aimed at protecting public safety.
3.11	Failure to adhere to these conditions are considered to be breaches of the terms and conditions of the Entertainments Licence which may result in the Council initiating legal proceedings against the applicant/licensee/manager. Convictions are then considered by Members at your monthly meetings in relation to applications where the applicant has previous convictions.
	<u>Noise Issues</u>
3.12	The Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) has statutory powers under the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2011 and the Noise Act 1996 in relation to the control of entertainment noise after 11.00 p.m.
3.13	Building Control also has a protocol with EPU that all complaints are referred to the Service to ensure appropriate action is taken against any alleged offenders that hold an Entertainments Licence.
4.0	Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix 1 – Premises with 2.00 am and 3.00 a.m. Licences</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Map showing the extent of the Licences</p>