



Subject:	Application for Extended Hours - Woodvale Park
Date:	20 th June, 2018
Reporting Officer:	Stephen Hewitt, Building Control Manager, ext. 2435
Contact Officer:	James Cunningham, Regulatory Services Manager, ext. 3375

Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To consider a request from Twaddell and Woodvale Residents Association to hold an outdoor musical event at Woodvale Park on 9th and 11th July 2018 and to permit entertainment to run beyond 11.00 p.m. on both nights.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	Taking into account the information presented and any representations received, you are required to consider the request to extend the hours of entertainment and, subject to all technical requirements being met, either: 1. agree if the events on the 9th and 11th July 2018 should be permitted to take place beyond the standard hours of licence to 1.00 am or 2. refuse to extend the hours as requested.

3.0	Main Report
	<p data-bbox="272 226 427 255"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="165 293 1474 454">3.1 Members are advised that a Seven-Day Annual Outdoor Entertainments Licence and a Seven-Day Annual Indoor Licence, for a Marquee, has been granted for Woodvale Park and both have been used to hold events in the past. The licences are held by the City and Neighbourhood Services Department and are transferred to the organisers for the duration of their event.</p> <p data-bbox="165 495 1474 562">3.2 The days and hours during which entertainment may be provided both outdoors and in a marquee are Monday to Sunday from 11.30 a.m. to 11.00 p.m.</p> <p data-bbox="165 595 1474 663">3.3 In addition, the following Special Conditions are attached to both the Marquee and Outdoor Entertainments Licences:</p> <ol data-bbox="288 696 1390 1267" style="list-style-type: none"> 1. maximum numbers will be agreed at the discretion of the Building Control Service and will vary depending upon individual concert set up proposals. 2. prior to any event taking place the promoters are required to demonstrate evidence of early consultation and have in place a robust system of dealing with any complaints, which has been agreed in advance with the Council. 3. any requests to provide entertainment later than 11.00 pm must be considered by the Licensing Committee and therefore must be made at least 3 months in advance of the proposed event. 4. should an application to provide entertainment beyond 11.00 pm be granted and the Council then receive a significant number of complaints regarding noise or the complaint is of such significant impact, authority is granted to the Director of Planning and Building Control, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to reduce the finishing time for any subsequent nights of the event, in which case the promoter will be required to make contingency arrangements. <p data-bbox="165 1301 1474 1435">3.4 The Twaddell and Woodvale Residents' Association has been an active participant in the bonfire programme for a number of years. In 2007, it was involved in the design of the Bonfire Beacon as an alternative to the traditional 11th July bonfire and it has successfully run this event from 2008, attracting over 1,000 people.</p> <p data-bbox="165 1469 1474 1626">3.5 The Council's People and Communities Committee, at its meeting on 8th May, granted authority to Twaddell and Woodvale Residents' Association to hold a three-day programme of cultural celebration in Woodvale Park in July, subject to satisfactory terms being agreed with the Director of City and Neighbourhood Services and on condition that the event organiser:</p> <ul data-bbox="320 1671 1474 1839" style="list-style-type: none"> • ensures that all health and safety requirements are met to the Council's satisfaction, including an event management plan, risk assessments and public liability insurance; and • meets all statutory requirements, including entertainments licensing. <p data-bbox="165 1872 1474 1973">3.6 It is a Standard Condition of the Outdoor Entertainments Licence that all requests to operate beyond the permitted hours of entertainment must be considered by the Licensing Committee.</p>

3.7	Members are reminded that, last year, the Committee considered an extension beyond the standard hours of 11.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m. for this event at Woodvale Park and, after consideration, agreed to grant the request.
3.8	Members will be aware that the Committee has granted extensions beyond the standard hours of 11.00 p.m. for other events and festivals, including at your meeting in March, the Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival.
3.9	The Committee has also granted extensions for other events and venues across the City, including Lower Crescent Park.
<u>Rationale for Additional Hours</u>	
3.10	The organisers have not yet finalised the details for the event but have confirmed that their event will commence on Monday 9th and run to Wednesday 11th July 2018.
3.11	Acts for this year's event are still being finalised but it is anticipated that the event on 9th July will be split into two clear segments, a matinee event for families running from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and an evening event for over 16-year olds, involving a live concert featuring a range of UK and European electronic music artists.
3.12	The event on 11th July will involve a range of international artists, including live bands and singers, as well as a range of family orientated activities and music.
3.13	The organisers have requested that you give consideration to permitting entertainment on Monday 9th and the last night of their programme of celebrations on 11th July 2018 to run beyond 11.00 p.m. to a maximum on 1.00 a.m.
3.14	As this is not an application to vary the terms of the Outdoor Entertainments Licence but a request for Council's permission to extend the hours under an existing licence condition, there is no requirement to advertise the application.
3.15	A copy of the letter from the organisers outlining the background to the festival and reasons for requesting the extended hours to beyond 11 p.m. is attached at Appendix 1.
3.16	A representative of the Parks Service will be available at your meeting should you wish to seek further information about the event.
3.17	A location map is attached at Appendix 2.
<u>PSNI</u>	
3.18	The PSNI has been consulted regarding the event and the request to operate on 9th and 11th July to 1.00 am. It has confirmed that it has no objections to this proposal and that, in previous years, it appears to have been well run and beneficial to the area.
3.19	A copy of its correspondence is attached at Appendix 3.
<u>Health, Safety and Welfare Issues</u>	
3.20	Officers have engaged with the organisers and officers of the Parks Service and are currently working with them to agree the details of their Event Management Plan and the layout plan for the site. We will continue this work to determine an appropriate occupancy for the event and ensure other arrangements are in place to manage the event safely.

<p>3.21</p> <p>3.22</p> <p>3.23</p> <p>3.24</p> <p>3.25</p> <p>3.26</p> <p>3.27</p> <p>3.28</p> <p>3.29</p>	<p>Officers from the Service have carried out inspections for previous events to celebrate the 11th night and have found that the organisers have adhered to the health, safety and welfare management requirements during that time.</p> <p><u>Noise Issues</u></p> <p>The Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) has been consulted in relation to the event and the request to operate to beyond 11.00 p.m. on both nights. It has confirmed that no complaints were received in relation to last year's event on the 11th July.</p> <p>EPU is supportive of all events aimed at improving the attractiveness and diversity of the City and communities. It is committed to working with organisers to ensure events are successful and to achieve a balance between the rights of residents, the event, the promotion of the city and the wider benefits to the local economy.</p> <p>An appropriate noise report will be developed in conjunction with the Council's Parks Service and EPU will work with the organiser to ensure noise break out and disturbance is kept to a minimum and that the agreed noise limit is in line with the relevant Code of Practice.</p> <p>Members are reminded that the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2011 gives council's additional powers in relation to the control of entertainment noise after 11.00 p.m.</p> <p>Furthermore, The Code of Practice on Environmental Noise Control at Concerts advises that, for events continuing after 11 p.m., the music noise should not be audible within noise sensitive premises with windows open. It is noted that in the event of excessive noise disturbance, the finish time may be brought forward.</p> <p>Officers will also ensure the organiser produces a suitable resident's notification letter and will agree the extent of its distribution prior to the event taking place.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>Officers will be required to carry out inspections at the event, but this is catered for within existing Service budgets.</p> <p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>There are no equality or good relations issues associated with this report.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Documents Attached</p>
	<p>Appendix 1 – Rationale for requesting the extended hours</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Location Map</p> <p>Appendix 3 – PSNI Correspondence</p>