

Report on	Entertainment Licencing Correspondence
Date of Meeting	11 th June 2019
Reporting Officer	Mark Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure

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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update Members on the response received from the Department for Communities Permanent Secretary in relation to correspondence regarding legislative change for Entertainment Licencing.
2.0	Background
2.1	Council resolved at their meeting on Monday 15 th April 2019 that correspondence be forwarded to the Permanent Secretary at the Department for Communities in relation to Members concerns at the delay in legislative change for Entertainment Licencing.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Following the recent tragic incident at the Greenvale Hotel, 57 Drum Road, Cookstown on Sunday 17 th March 2019, Council resolved at their meeting on Monday 15 th April 2019 that correspondence be forwarded to the Permanent Secretary at the Department for Communities in relation to Members concerns at the delay in legislative change following the consultation process undertaken by Minister Durkan in May 2015. This correspondence was forwarded on 17 th April 2019 (see Appendix 1). Members had requested an urgent review of the Entertainment Licensing regime and Model Terms and Conditions that presently apply.
3.2	In response to the correspondence (see Appendix 2) the Permanent Secretary indicated that as the incident is currently the subject of investigations by both the PSNI and Mid Ulster Council she did not believe it would be appropriate to commence any work on changes to either the licensing regime or model terms and conditions prior to the conclusion of the investigations. DfC officials will however undertake preparatory work that can be done in advance of the outcome of the investigations. The Department also wish to discuss any issues identified by the investigations with local councils and other key stakeholders to identify the appropriate way forward.

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: N/A
	Human: N/A
	Risk Management: N/A
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members to note the response provided by the DfC Permanent Secretary.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Letter to DfC Permanent Secretary
6.2	Appendix 2 – Response from DfC Permanent Secretary