

<b>Report on</b>	Entertainment Licensing - During Performance Inspections
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	William Wilkinson

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To advise Members on During Performance Inspections carried out on Entertainment Licensed Venues over the Christmas and New Year period.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Each venue which has applied for the grant or renewal of an entertainment licence is inspected annually on site by the Licensing Officer prior to the issuing of an Entertainment Licence to ensure that the premises are maintained and managed in a safe manner.
2.2	<p>The main areas which are inspected in relation to an entertainment Licence include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Means of escape from the venue i.e. Final Exit Doors and Easy Opening Devices are satisfactory and escape routes are free from obstruction etc.</li> <li>2. All floor, wall, and ceiling coverings are in compliance and in good condition</li> <li>3. All firefighting equipment are correctly positioned and serviced as required</li> <li>4. The general condition of the premises is satisfactory</li> <li>5. All management documentation is in place</li> </ol>
2.3	In addition to the annual inspection of the licensed premises, additional inspections may be carried out at venues while functions are taking place to ensure that the venue is being correctly managed to ensure compliance with the Conditions of the Entertainment Licence
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	Unannounced During Performance Inspections are carried out at venues to ascertain if the main conditions of the Entertainment Licence are in compliance on site.
3.2	Over the Christmas and New Year Period, 24 venues across Mid Ulster District were inspected by Officers from the Building Control and Environmental Health

	Departments. Venues which were inspected were located in Dungannon, Cookstown, Magherafelt, Moy, Aughnacloy, Clogher, Fivemiletown, Toome and Maghera.
3.3	The venues which were inspected during this period included nightclubs, large bars/clubs as well as venues with a large licensed capacity exceeding 600 patrons.
3.4	<p>The main areas which are considered in relation to a During Performance inspection of a venue are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The maximum number of patrons as specified on the Licence are not exceeded during a function. This may involve the inspection of a number of locations within a licensed venue.</li> <li>2. The specified exit/escape routes serving a venue are available and not restricted in any way.</li> <li>3. All relevant exit and emergency signage are in place and visible</li> <li>4. Firefighting equipment including fire extinguishers etc. are correctly positioned and available for use in the case of an emergency</li> <li>5. Noise from the premises does not cause unreasonable disturbance to the occupiers of other properties in the vicinity</li> <li>6. The ongoing general condition of the venue is maintained.</li> <li>7. Premises are managed as per the venue's Management Procedures</li> </ol>
3.3	Following the inspection of the premises, no significant issues were identified and the main points as identified above were found to be in order.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: Within Current Resources
	Human: Within Current Resources
	Risk Management: During Performance Inspections are carried with a view to ensuring that patrons attending functions within a venue are safe
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	It is recommended that Members note the content of this report.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	N/a