Report on	Entertainment Licensing Applications
Date of Meeting	11th May 2021
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1.0	**Purpose of Report**
1.1	To update Members on Entertainment Licensing applications across Mid Ulster District Council.
2.0	**Background**
2.1	The Council has responsibility for licensing places of entertainment in accordance with The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (NI) Order 1985.
2.2	Entertainment Licensing applications are received on a continued basis across the District.
2.3	Statutory consultations are carried out with PSNI and NIFRS for each Entertainment Licence application (grant or renewal) submitted.
3.0	**Main Report**
3.1	As previously agreed a list of applications for all grant/renewal of Entertainment Licences in Mid Ulster District Council is attached (see Appendix 1). The number of applications received on a monthly basis will vary depending on the date of expiry of the current licence. Each application is accompanied by the following documentation: 1 A current Fire Risk Assessment detailing the following: (a) means of escape from premises (b) management responsibilities for day to day safety aspects (c) details of review on an annual basis The fire risk assessment submitted is audited by the inspecting officer. 2 Electrical certification is required for the following: (a) General electrical installation (b) Emergency lighting system (c) Fire alarm system 3 Details of current public liability insurance for premises

	4 Copy of public advertisement in local press
3.2	Following the application for the Grant/Renewal of an Entertainment Licence being submitted and validated, an inspection is carried out to ensure that the premises are in compliance with all relevant guidance and legislation. Areas which would be inspected are as follows: 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. 2. All floor, wall, and ceiling coverings are in compliance and in good condition. 3. All firefighting equipment are correctly positioned and serviced as required. 4. The general condition of the premises is satisfactory. 5. All management documentation is in place.
3.3	Entertainment licensing applications have continued to be processed where possible including statutory consultations with external Bodies as required by legislation.
3.4	Licences have been issued where inspections had been completed and all points requiring attention have been addressed.
3.5	Inspection of venues have re-commenced where it is possible to do so and specifically where issues in relation to the current Covid-19 Guidance can be achieved.
3.6	In addition, within the correspondence to all licensees which accompanies newly issued licences, it is highlighted that on re-opening of their premises, the numbers permitted will be reduced in line with current Government Guidance regarding Covid-19.
4.0	**Other Considerations**
4.1	**Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications**
	Financial: Within Current Resources
	Human: Within Current Resources
	Risk Management: None
4.2	**Screening & Impact Assessments**
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None

	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	**Recommendation(s)**
5.1	Members are requested to note the content of this report.
6.0	**Documents Attached & References**
6.1	Appendix 1 – Schedule of applications received for the Grant/Renewal of Entertainment Licences.
6.2	Appendix 2 – Schedule of Entertainment Licence applications which have been granted/renewed.