| Report on         | Entertainment Licensing Applications |
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| Date of Meeting   | 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2021            |
| Reporting Officer | William Wilkinson                    |

## Is this report restricted for confidential business?

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Yes No X

| 1.0 | Purpose of Report  |
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| 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<br>Licences in Mid Ulster District Council is attached (see Appendix 1). The number of<br>applications received on a monthly basis will vary depending on the date of expiry<br>of the current licence.     |
| 3.2 | Each application is accompanied by the following documentation:  |
|     | <ol> <li>A current Fire Risk Assessment detailing the following:         <ul> <li>(a) means of escape from premises</li> <li>(b) management responsibilities for day to day safety aspects</li> <li>(c) details of review on an annual basis</li> </ul> </li> </ol>                            |
|     | <ul> <li>The fire risk assessment submitted is audited by the inspecting officer.</li> <li>2 Electrical certification is required for the following: <ul> <li>(a) General electrical installation</li> <li>(b) Emergency lighting system</li> <li>(c) Fire alarm system</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
|     | 3 Details of current public liability insurance for premises   |

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|     | 4 Copy of public advertisement in local press   |
| 3.3 | 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.                           |
| 3.4 | Areas which would be inspected are as follows:  |
|     | <ol> <li>Means of escape from the venue i.e. Final Exit Doors and Easy Opening<br/>Devices are satisfactory and escape routes are free from obstruction etc.</li> </ol>   |
|     | 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   |
| 3.5 | Entertainment licensing applications have continued to be processed where possible including statutory consultations with external bodies as required by legislation.   |
| 3.6 | Licences have been issued where inspections had been completed and all points requiring attention have been addressed.  |
| 3.7 | 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.  |
| 3.8 | 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  |
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|     | 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.    |