

LICENSING REPORT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION	11th April 2018
TO: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	
FOR INFORMATION	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Accelerating Our Economy and Contributing to Prosperity
Outcome	Implementation of statutory requirements
Lead Officer	Head of Health & Built Environment
Cost: (If applicable)	Officer time spend processing application offset by licence fee

1.0 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER 1985 ENTERTAINMENT LICENCES

The undernoted applications for an entertainment licence have been received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

<u>Unique Reference Number</u>	<u>Name of Premises</u>
EL024	Coleraine Grammar School (Lodge Road)
EL223	Ballymoney United Football Club
EL242	Joey's Bar
EL162	Causeway Hotel
EL293	Cushendall Golf Club
EL229	The Bridge Bar
EL208	Dunloy & Hannah McCracken Mem. Hall
EL255	Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall
EL067	Montra Club
EL268	Roseyards Presbyterian Church Hall
EL258	St Patricks Parish Centre
EL254	The Village Inn
EL184	The Glenshesk Bar
EL252	St James Presbyterian Church Hall
EL301	Kilmore Country House
EL063	Marian Hall
EL342	Limavady United Football & Athletic club
EL148	Portstewart Presbyterian Church Hall
EL085	Quays Bar

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2.0 THE BETTING, GAMING, LOTTERIES AND AMUSEMENTS (NI) ORDER 1985 REGISTRATION OF A SOCIETY

The undernoted applications for society lottery registrations have been received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

Registration No:	Name of Society
SL005	Marie Curie Cancer Care (Moyle) Support

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3.0 LICENSING (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1996 LIQUOR LICENCE

The undernoted applications for grant, renewal, transfer or grant of an occasional Intoxicating Liquor Licence have been received and acknowledged to Court Service during the report period.

<u>Name and Address of Premises</u>	<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Type of Liquor Licence</u>
Oisin's Club, 208 Garron Road, Glenariffe BT44 6AR	Friday 6 th July 2018 7pm-1am Sat 7 th July 2018 12 noon – 1am Sun 8 th July 2018 12 noon - Midnight	Occasional
Ballintoy Orange Hall Whitepark Road, Ballintoy	Saturday 31 st March 7pm – Midnight	Occasional
41-43 Main Street, Garvagh	N/A	Renewal

Manor House, 69 Bridge Street, Kilrea	N/A	Renewal
Lands Around Loguestown Road, Portrush	24 th March 12pm and 8pm	Occasional
Ballintoy Orange Hall Whitepark Road, Ballintoy	17 th March from 7pm and 12 midnight	Occasional
Ballinlea Orange Hall 76 Straid Road Ballycastle BT54 6NW	Saturday 24 th March 2018 from 7pm to midnight	Occasional
Function Room The Royal British Legion 6 Beresford Road Coleraine BT52 1HE	Saturday 31 st March 2018 from 8pm to 11.59pm	Occasional
Ballinlea Orange Hall 76 Straid Road Ballycastle BT54 6NW	Friday 20 th April to Saturday 21 st April from 7pm until 1am	Occasional
Stranocum Orange Hall 47 Main Street Stranocum BT53 8PH	Friday 20 th April to Saturday 21 st April 2018 from 7pm to 1am	Occasional
Indus Valley 4 Riverside Park East Coleraine	N/A	Transfer/Renewal of a Licence
Indus Valley 4 Riverside Park East Coleraine	N/A	Application for a Children's Certificate
The Roost Bar 2 Shuttle Hill Coleraine	N/A	Transfer /Renewal of a Licence
65-69 Main Street Garvagh	N/A	Consent to Alteration to Licensed Premises

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4.0 PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS (NI) 1929 AND 1937 PETROLEUM SPIRIT LICENCE

The undernoted applications for renewals of petroleum spirit licences have been received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

Licence No:	Name of Premises
PL050	Hillhead Service Station
PL048	Bush Fuels
PL049	Armoy Filling station
PL053	O'Kanes Filling Station

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5.0 THE BETTING, GAMING, LOTTERIES AND AMUSEMENTS (NI) ORDER 1985 RENEWAL OF AN AMUSEMENT PERMIT

The undernoted application for renewal of an amusement permit has been received and processed during the report period.

Licence No:	Name of Premises
AP006	Oasis Gaming Centre
AP009	Goldrush Entertainment Centre

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6.0 THE MARRIAGE (NI) ORDER 2003

Approval of premises as a location for Civil Marriage.

The undernoted applications for renewal as an approved place for Civil Marriage were received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

Unique Reference Number	Premises Name	Approval Type
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MA016	Causeway Hotel 40 Causeway Road Bushmills BT57 8SU	Civil Marriage
MA009	Manor House Kilrea 69 Bridge Street Kilrea BT51 5RR	Civil Marriage

7.0 THE CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

Approval of premises as a location for Civil Partnership.

The undernoted applications for renewal as an approved place for Civil Partnership were received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

Unique Reference Number	Premises Name	Approval Type
CP016	Causeway Hotel 40 Causeway Road Bushmills BT57 8SU	Civil Partnership
CP009	Manor House Kilrea 69 Bridge Street Kilrea BT51 5RR	Civil Partnership

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8.0 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NI) ORDER 1985 ARTICLES 13 &14, PRACTICE OF ACUPUNCTURE/BUSINESS OF COSMETIC PIERCING/TATTOOING/SEMI-PERMANENT SKIN-COLOURING/ELECTROLYSIS

The undernoted applications for registrations have been received, acknowledged and processed during the report period.

Unique Reference Number:	Name of Premises	Type of Registration
SP/03/2018	Golden Eye Beauty	Semi-permanent skin colouring

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Cost: (If applicable)	N/A

9.0 ANIMAL WELFARE SERVICE DELIVERY STATISTICAL BULLETIN 2016/17

In Northern Ireland the Welfare of Animals is protected by the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011. This legislation provides a duty of care in respect of all “protected animals” that is animals under the control of a persons whether permanently or temporarily.

There are three bodies responsible for the enforcement of the legislation namely:

- The Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs (farmed animals)
- Councils (non farmed animals such as domestic pets and horses)
- The Police Service of Northern Ireland (wildlife crime, animals on the road and other criminal activity such as dog fighting)

A copy of the statistical bulletin is attached for Members information at **Appendix 1**. The Bulletin illustrates that in the report period, Northern Ireland District Councils received 6332 complaints for which 9460 visits were undertaken. 235 improvement notices were issued whilst 283 animals were seized and 21 prosecutions taken.

A further statistical breakdown as to welfare issues in the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area will be provided for Members information in the May Committee report.



Animal Welfare
Service Delivery
Statistical Bulletin
2016/17



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Background

In Northern Ireland, the welfare of animals is protected by the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (the 2011 Act). The 2011 Act includes a duty of care in respect of all “protected animals” (i.e. animals under the control of a person whether permanently or temporarily). Responsibility for the welfare of an animal remains with the owner at all times.

The 2011 Act sets out offences regarding animal welfare, for example: it is an offence to fail to take reasonable steps to ensure that the welfare needs of an animal are met; and it is an offence to take action, or fail to take action, that causes an animal to suffer unnecessarily.

The three bodies that are responsible for the enforcement of the 2011 Act are:

- **Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)** (farmed animals only);
- **Councils** (non-farmed animals, such as domestic pets and horses);
- **Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI)** (wildlife crime, animals on the road and other criminal activity such as dog fighting).

Enforcement officers will investigate complaints and take action to ensure the owner or keeper complies with the legislation.

A review of implementation of the 2011 Act was completed in 2015 and, as a result, a number of recommendations were made regarding the animal welfare service. One such recommendation (recommendation no. 40) is that DAERA should produce an annual report setting out information relevant to the public in relation to the animal welfare service provided by each of the three enforcement bodies. This report is the first such report and reflects statistical information that has been provided to DAERA.

Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs (DAERA)

Welfare and Enforcement Branch

DAERA enforces the Welfare of Farmed Animals Regulations (NI) 2012 (the 2012 Regulations), which were made under the 2011 Act. The work on the ground is delivered by DAERA Veterinary Service Inspectors and Veterinary Officers (VOs) located across 10 local DAERA Direct offices. DAERA also has responsibility for the licensing and inspection of petshops, and of animal boarding, riding and zoological establishments, under the Welfare of Animals Act (NI) 1972. During these inspections, animal welfare is considered.

Veterinary Service Inspectors have a range of options when dealing with an animal welfare case: providing advice; giving a warning; issuing the owner with a legally binding Improvement Notice; and prosecution.

The following information outlines enforcement actions by DAERA.

Farmed Animal Welfare Inspections

During period 01 January 2016 to 31 December 2016, 1,100 production site inspections for compliance with animal welfare requirements were completed. The overall compliance rate was 90%, a result which includes risk based and randomly selected sites.

Inspections carried out, as a result of a complaint being received:

No. of inspections carried out following anonymous complaint.	125
No. of inspections where a breach was detected.	10
No. of inspections where no breach was detected.	115

No. of inspections carried out following non-anonymous complaint.	101
No. of inspections where a breach was detected.	12
No. of inspections where no breach was detected.	89

Welfare of Animals investigations closed during period 01 April 2016 to 31 March 2017

Case dropped	Compliance achieved	Warning letter issued	Formal caution delivered	Convicted in Court	Dismissed in Court	TOTAL
13	2	2	0	20	2	39

The penalties for animal welfare convictions included fines, liability for costs, community service and disqualifications from keeping animals.

Regional Councils' Animal Welfare Service

The 2011 Act enables Councils to enforce the legislation in respect of non-farmed animals, for example, domestic pets of any vertebrate species and equines. Councils have adopted a collaborative regional approach to delivering the animal welfare legislation, and 9 Animal Welfare Officers enforce the Act. The Officers have statutory enforcement powers and can take a range of action to improve the welfare of non-farmed animals including, providing advice, issuing an improvement notice, taking animals into their possession (in extreme cases of suffering), and initiating prosecution action.

The following information outlines enforcement actions by the Regional Councils' Animal Welfare Service during the period **01 April 2016 to 31 March 2017**.

No. of complaints received by Animal Welfare April 2016 - March 2017.	6332
No. of those established to be Non Welfare Related cases.	1291
No. of those established to be Animal Welfare related cases.	5041

Breakdown of follow up action taken on 5041 Animal Welfare related cases:

No. of visits carried out.* (NB - some cases may have required more than one visit).	9460
No. of cases established to be unfounded following visits.	618
No. of improvement notices issued.	235
No. of formal cautions issued.	13
No. of disposal orders issued.	21
No. of cases where seizures took place.	173
Total animals seized.	283
No. of April16 - March17 cases where prosecution action commenced.	25
No. of prosecutions completed during April 16 - March 17. (NB - figure includes cases commenced prior to Apr 16).	21
Outcome of completed prosecutions during April 16 - March 17.	21 convictions

*** All contact visits receive informal advice, unless they result in formal action.**

The 21 convictions resulted in a variety of penalties comprising of fines; liability for costs; community service; conditional discharge; restrictions or bans on keeping animals for varying periods; custodial sentences.

Breakdown of follow up action taken on 1291 Non Welfare Related cases

No. referred to DAERA, (e.g. farmed animal complaints).	86
No. referred to dog wardens (e.g. stray dogs).	499
No. referred to Environmental Health (e.g. dirty yards/noise complaints).	21
No. referred to PSNI (e.g. animal fighting/snared animals/straying on roads).	81
No. classified as others (e.g. queries relating to rehoming or adopting referred to animal sanctuaries).	604

Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI)

The 2011 Act gives the PSNI power to deal with welfare offences involving wild animals, and offences such as animal fighting, or where other criminal activities are involved. In addition to its responsibilities under the 2011 Act, the PSNI has responsibility for animals on roads and wildlife crime.

The following information outlines enforcement actions by the PSNI during the period **01 January 2016 to 31 December 2016**.

No. of calls received which were in respect of animal related incidents.	8833
No. of which were in respect of non-welfare cases (e.g. animals on the road, wildlife queries).	8109
No. of which were animal welfare/cruelty related.	724
No. of incidents which led to seizure.	6
Total no. of animals seized.	25
No. of offences prosecuted.	13
No. of prosecutions resulting in conviction.	5
Penalties incurred in relation to the 5 convictions.	Suspended sentences

A variety of actions were taken on the 724 reported animal welfare/cruelty related cases which included:

- information/advice dispensed with no visit required;
- visit carried out and information/advice dispensed;
- referrals made to another agency as appropriate, e.g. local council Animal Welfare Officer/Dog Warden/Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs;
- no offence disclosed.

**PLEASE REFER TO THE DAERA WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION,
INCLUDING CONTACT DETAILS IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE ABOUT
AN ANIMAL WELARE ISSUE.**

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/introduction-animal-welfare>



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