REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

<u>APPLICATION TO VARY ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE</u> <u>Comfort Hotel, George Street, Nottingham</u>

1.0 SUMMARY

This application is to amend the standard conditions which apply to the annual entertainments licence for these premises. It is intended to stage a 'Ladies night' in the ballroom on the first floor involving male strippers and a comedian in March 2003 and on other dates in the future.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Committee determine the application in respect of the ballroom having regard to the observations of the Environmental Health Officer.

3.0 BACKGROUND

Mr J Duque and Mr S Frewer hold an annual licence to provide music and dancing as follows :-

Mondays – Saturdays 10.30am to 2am the following day

4.0 PROPOSALS

Application has now been made to vary the licence to request that conditions 24 & 25 of the standard conditions be amended. The standard conditions are as follows :-

- 24. No public music, dancing, exhibition, recitation or entertainment of a like kind shall be permitted or suffered to take place in the licensed premises which is offensive, obscene, immoral, licentious, indecent or likely to produce riot, tumult or a breach of the peace, and the operation of the premises shall be carried out in such a way to prevent such conduct.
- 25. Table dancing, lap dancing, pole dancing and all forms of entertainment, dancing, or displays that include nudity or sexual performances of any kind are prohibited.

The amendments which are requested, together with supporting documentation and information provided by the applicants is attached at Appendix 1.

The Chief Fire Officer has no objection and the Police have no objection, subject to the conditions outlined in Appendix 1. The Environmental Health Officer has made the observations shown in Appendix 2.

The applicants have been invited to attend and the location of the premises is shown on the attached map.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Legal implications will be reported at the meeting.

6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

None.

7.0 CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

The licensing of public entertainments is an opportunity for the City Council to work in partnership with Police to minimise crime and disorder occurring both within public entertainment licence premises and immediately outside each premises by considering the effects of proposals on both customers and residents.

8.0 <u>List of background papers other than published works or those</u> <u>disclosing confidential or exempt information</u>

- application dated 1 August 2002
- lettersfrom Sharp and Partners solicitors dated 7 & 12 August 2002
- form D26 from Chief Fire Officer dated 12 August 2002
- letter from Police dated 19 August 2002

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APPENDIX 1.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS ACT 1982

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE

RE

THE COMFORT HOTEL, GEORGE STREET, NOTTINGHAM

MANAGEMENT REPORT DELETION OF CONDITION 25

The following information is provided in connection with the Application to delete Condition 25 of the Standard Conditions applying to the Entertainments Licence in force for the above premises.

1. The public entertainment will take place in the Ballroom, where there is a stage in the centre of one of the sides of the room. The event is a Ladies Night for the 14th March 2003, whereby the acts to be provided by the Theatrical Agents, Tony West Entertainments, will comprise two male strippers and one comedian. Guests will be at dining tables. Any entertainers will be on the stage. No dining table will be closer than six foot from the stage. There will be no direct or physical customer inter-action with the entertainers, who will remain on the stage at all times.

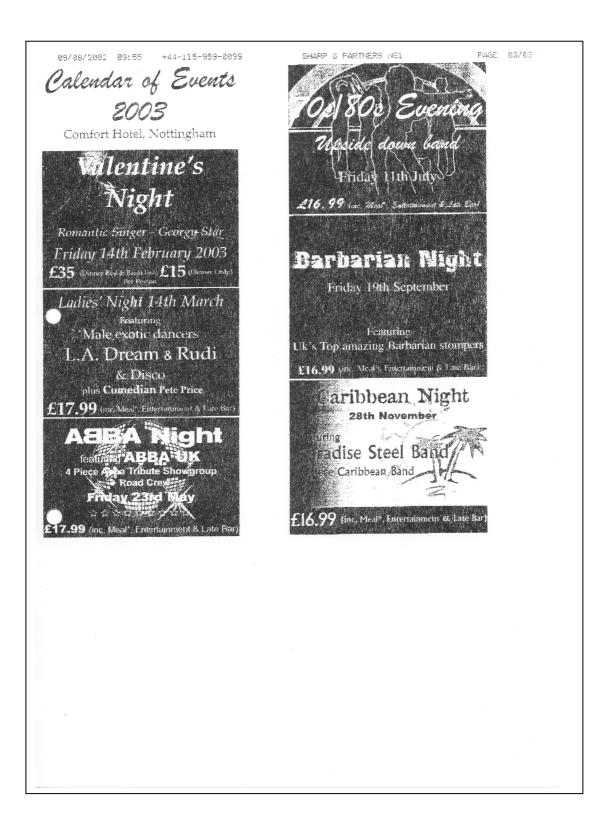
 The acts will take place on the stage. There will be no props used. The dance routines will not include full nudity and G-string or similar apparel will be worn at all times on the stage.

3. There will be no nudity and, as indicated in 2 above, a G-string or thong will be worn at all times on stage. As far as the comedian is concerned, he is an experienced comedian, Pete Price, well used to appearing for Ladies Nights, and he presents an act which does not cause offence to the public.

- 4. The minimum distance of separation between customers and dancers will be six foot.
- 5. To ensure that this distance is maintained, there will be security staff in the Ballroom. The customers will be at tables on the ballroom floor and security staff will present any customers from approaching the stage.
- 6. There will be two security staff, both of whom are registered with Nottingham City Council.
- 7. Entry to the event will be by ticket only, purchased in advance.

- The event will be marketed and an enclosed Calendar of Events is attached. In addition, it will be advertised in the Topper.
- Payment will be made to the dancers via the contract with theatrical agent, Tony West Entertainments. It is not intended that there will be any customer payment direct to the dancers.
- 10. Changing and welfare facilities for the dancers are provided within the hotel, and there is a changing room nearby.
- 11. The act will be introduced by a DJ and the evening is being compered also by the DJ. There will be no sexually explicit language used.
- 12. The Hotel is unable to supply a video or photographs, because they are advised by the theatrical agent that none is available for any previous events. The Hotel is further advised that to provide such would contravene Union Regulations.

2300 Dated this day of July 2002





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APPENDIX 2.

Recommended special Conditions

Comfort Hotel, George Street, Nottingham

- 1) The entertainment will only take place in the Ballroom
- 2) Guests will be seated only at dining tables within the Ballroom
- 3) Entertainers will perform only on the stage
- 4) No dining table will be situated closer than six feet from the stage
- 5) The entertainers will remain on stage for the entire duration of the performance.
- 6) The entertainers will not invite or encourage any physical customer interaction during the performance.
- 7) At least two security staff will be on duty in the Ballroom during the entire performance. During the performance security staff will be positioned between the guests and the stage either in front of or in very close proximity to the stage in order to prevent any guest from reaching the stage.
- 8) The entertainers will change in privacy in the small room immediately off of the stage (shown as X on the attached plan)

(Note; this last item has been agreed verbally with Mr J Duque)

M.Markey

Environmental Health offices.

