

CITY OF NOTTINGHAM

LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **18 AUGUST 2003** at the

Council House from 11.00 am to 3.45 pm

Councillor Cresswell (Chair)
Councillor Grocock (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Baxter
Councillor Ibrahim
Councillor Packer
Councillor Smith
Councillor Wilson

indicates present at meeting

19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Grocock, Ibrahim and Packer.

20 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2003, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

21 ENVY - APPLICATION TO VARY ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Development and Environmental Services, copies of which had been circulated.

The Committee met to determine an application to vary the entertainments licence in respect of the layout of the premises, to provide music and dancing on the ground and first floors and whether the standard conditions attached to the Public Entertainments Licence for the premises known as Envy, Masonic Place, Goldsmith Street, should be amended so as to allow the deletion of Standard Condition 25 so as to permit pole dancing on a stage on the ground floor and table dancing in private booths on the first floor.

The applicant, Mr G Akins Jnr, accepted the Committee's invitation to attend the meeting, was represented by Mr J Pearce, Solicitor and Mr J Rankin, Barrister, who presented the case on his behalf and was accompanied by Mr S Akins, Ms S Noble and Ms Z Turpin. Ms J Swain, Team Leader (Licensing), Development and Environmental Services Department, presented the report, including the submissions of the Building Control Officer. The objections of the Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire Police were presented by Mr I Seeley, Force Solicitor and PC D Browitt, Force Licensing Section. The submissions

of the Chief Fire Officer, Pollution Control Officer and Planning Department were contained within the report.

Ms Noble, having not been requested to make a submission or answer any questions, left the meeting at 12.50 pm.

Mr G Akins Jnr, Mr Pearce, Mr Rankin, Ms Swain, Mr S Akins, Ms Turpin, Mr Seeley and PC Browitt, having made their submissions and been available for questioning, withdrew from the meeting during the committee's deliberations.

In reaching its decision, the Committee had regard to:-

- (a) the legislative framework and City Council's conditions for public entertainment licences;
- (b) duties imposed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the Human Rights Act 1998
- (c) submissions by Mr S Akins, Mr Rankin and Ms Turpin regarding the application;
- (d) submissions and comments of the Director of Development and Environmental Services regarding the application and contained in the report (including the submissions of the Chief Fire Officer and Food Safety Enforcement and Building Control Officers);
- (e) submissions of the Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire Police;

RESOLVED that the application to vary the Public Entertainments Licence, for the premises known as 'Envy', be refused on the grounds that the location of the premises was a concern for the committee, as it was for the police. The premises are located near to other venues where drinking opportunities exist, leading to the likelihood of problems of drunkenness and violence that the police would have to contend with.