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<b>TO:</b>	LICENSING & REGULATORY COMMITTEE
<b>DATE:</b>	12 NOVEMBER 2003

<b>AGENDA ITEM NO:</b>	6	<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE
<b>PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:</b>	TO DETERMINE THE APPLICATION FOR A PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE WITH EXTENDED HOURS FOR THE THISTLE LONDON-GATWICK HOTEL, BRIGHTON ROAD, HORLEY
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>	<b>The Committee is recommended to determine the application.</b>

## Background

1. An application has been received from Mr B Nelson-Girtchen, General Manager of the Thistle London-Gatwick Hotel for an annual public entertainment licence for Music & Dancing. The area to be licensed is Kingsley's Restaurant, the Crown Room and bar.
2. Mr Nelson has requested a licence for midday until 2.00am the following morning, seven days a week for discos and bands accompanying dinners/lunches. The Council's standard hours for public entertainment are midday to midnight.
3. This is the first application for an annual licence, although an Occasional Licence was granted for last New Year's Eve.

## Factors for Consideration

4. Surrey Police have confirmed that they have no objections to the application.
5. Surrey Fire & Rescue Service have confirmed that they have no objections to the application subject to satisfactory completion of the works detailed in paragraph 7 relating to exits, fire alarm, signage and fire extinguishers.
6. The notice of application has been displayed at the premises for the statutory period and no objections have been received from members of the public.
7. The following works will be required to ensure that the premises complies with the Council's public entertainment conditions and these have not yet been completed:
  - New rear exit double doors from restaurant, minimum width 1050mm.

- New double doors from the bar into reception area, minimum width 1050mm.
  - Fire alarm to be interlinked with amplifiers so that the amplifiers cut out when the alarm is activated.
  - An additional fire alarm sounder to be installed at each of the following locations: Gents WC, Ladies WC, Crown Room.
  - 'Push Bar to Open' sign on rear exit doors.
  - Three directional illuminated exit signs to be positioned in the reception area.
  - Curtains in Kingsleys Restaurant, Crown Room and reception area to be non-flammable or of flameproofed material.
  - Two additional fire extinguishers to be sited in the bar and restaurant.
  - A toilet to be provided for the use of disabled people.
8. In his letter dated 29 October 2003 Mr Nelson confirmed that he expects all works, (with the exception of the disabled-use toilet), to be completed by 5 December 2003. Mr Nelson says it is unlikely that the toilet for disabled people will be ready by December but a bedroom and bathroom with facilities for disabled people will be available for patrons of public entertainment events. Officers consider that this arrangement will be satisfactory as an interim measure.
9. The applicant has been invited to attend the Committee meeting and has been advised that he may attend with legal or other representation.

### **Options**

10. The Licensing & Regulatory Committee may:
- Refuse the application;
  - Grant the application with or without additional conditions to the general conditions imposed by the Council's Regulations and Conditions.
  - Provisionally grant a licence under Para. 15 of Schedule 1 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. Where an application is made for premises which are being altered, the licence must then be confirmed by the authority if and when the required works have been completed, and the licence is held by a fit and proper person.

### **Appeal Procedure**

11. The following persons may appeal to the Magistrates' Court at any time before the expiration of the period of 21 days beginning with the relevant date, i.e. the date on which the applicant receives written notification of the Council's decision:
- An applicant for the grant of an entertainments licence in respect of any place is held, whose application is refused.
  - A holder of any such licence who is aggrieved by any term, condition or restriction on or subject to which the licence is held.

Background Papers: None