## Forth St Paul's Parish Church

## FIRE SAFETY HIRE AGREEMENT

The person using/hiring all or part of the premises understand the extent of their responsibilities and has familiarised themselves as necessary with the layout of the premises, the fire safety measures, and the duties of others with responsibility for fire safety within the premises.

The fire safety measures include:

- The means of escape from the premises.
- The operation of all panic type fastenings.
- The location of the assembly points.
- The location of an emergency telephone.
- The location of fire doors.
- The location of the fire fighting equipment.
- The sockets that any performers/acts must use [linked to fire warning system].
- The significant findings of the fire risk assessment and in particular the control measures in place to reduce the risk of fire to as low as reasonably practicable.

The hirer confirms that they will not introduce additional hazards without adequate control measures being in place e.g. all electrical equipment including those of live bands, disco etc are portable appliance tested.

## Prior to the public being admitted the hirer/user must ensure that:

- All exits should be unlocked and available for use
- All removable fastenings are removed from doors
- All panic type fastenings are tested and are in good working order
- Check all escape routes are free from obstruction and can be safely and effectively used at all times
- Check to ensure that fire doors are not wedged or propped open [unless held open with approved automatic door releases]
- Check to ensure all exit signs are illuminated.
- Check to ensure that there are no obvious fire hazards present
- Check to ensure that floor coverings are not causing a trip hazard
- Check to ensure that furniture and furnishings are not damaged [e.g. outer coverings ripped exposing internal foam]