



Report of the Head of Licensing and Registration

Report to the Licensing Sub Committee

Date: 23 January 2012

Subject: Certification of Films

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): City & Hunslet		
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Executive Summary

To advise Members of an application for the certification of films to be shown at the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour. This festival is to be held at the Carriageworks Theatre, Great George Street, Leeds 1 in February 2012.

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 This report informs Members with the background, history and issues of an application made under the Licensing Act 2003 ("the Act") for the certification of films that do not currently have a BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) certification. Finally, this report informs Members of the options available to them when considering an application for the certification of films.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The Licensing Act 2003 applies to premises which provide film exhibitions. At present there are a total of 7 cinemas and 101 other premises licensed for the exhibition of films in the Leeds District.

2.2 The majority of films shown in these premises will carry a Certificate from the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC), the categories of which are as follows:

Category 'U' Passed for general exhibition

Category 'PG'	Passed for general exhibition but parents/guardians are advised that the film contains materials they might prefer children under fifteen years not to see.
Category '12'	Passed as suitable only for exhibition to persons of twelve years and over. When a programme includes a '12' film, no persons under twelve years can be admitted.
Category '12a'	Passed as suitable for children under the age of 12 if accompanied by an adult.
Category '15'	Passed as suitable only for exhibition to persons of fifteen years and over. when a programme includes a '15' film, no persons under fifteen years can be admitted.
Category '18'	Passed as suitable only for exhibition to adults. When a programme includes an '18' film no persons under the age of eighteen years can be admitted.

2.3 In addition to licensing premises for film exhibitions, the Licensing Authority has a duty under Section 20 of the Licensing Act 2003 to categories a film which is absent of a certificate from a film classification body such as the BBFC. The Licensing Authority may also reject or modify a film which has received a Certificate from the BBFC.

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 A request has been received from the Carriageworks Theatre which intends to host the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour in February 2012. None of the films have been certified by a film classification body in the United Kingdom.

3.2 A synopsis of the films is attached hereto for Members attention at Appendix 'A'. This includes suggested categories based on the content of the films and certificates previously given in Canada.

3.4 To assist Members a comparison between the classification from British Columbia (Canada) and the BBFC are attached at Appendix 'B'

3.5 The Carriageworks Theatre has the benefit of a Premises Licence with the provision of the exhibition of films.

4.0 HISTORY

4.1 This will be the third time this festival has been held in the Leeds District.

5.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

5.1 There are no implications for Council Policy and Governance in respect of determining this application.

6.0 Recommendations

6.2 Members are requested to consider this request for the certification of the films as attached hereto.