



**Report of:** Chief Officer, Elections and Regulatory

**Report to:** Licensing Sub Committee

**Date:** Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**Subject:** Certification of a Film – Free to Move: A night exploring freedom

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Headingley & Hyde Park		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:		
Appendix number:		

## Executive Summary

To advise the Licensing Sub Committee Members of an application for the certification of three short films to be screened 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023, at Hyde Park Picture House, Brudenell Road, Leeds LS6 1JD.

### 1.0 Purpose of this 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 a film that does 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 8 cinemas licensed in the Leeds district.

2.2 The majority of films shown in cinemas will carry a certificate from the BBFC, the categories of which are as follows:



### **3.0 Main Issues**

- 3.1 An application has been received from Hyde Park Picture House to certify three short films to be screened 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023, at Hyde Park Picture House, Brudenell Road, Leeds LS6 1JD.
- 3.2 A report provided by the distributor includes the synopsis, further details on the screening along with advance screeners. A copy of this report is available at **Appendix A**.
- 3.3 The promoter recommends a 12A certificate is awarded.
- 3.4 To assist the Committee Licensing Officers have viewed the film and provided comments in accordance with the BBFC Classification Guidelines. Those comments are attached at **Appendix B**.
- 3.5 A representative of Hyde Park Picture House will be contactable by phone should Members of Licensing Sub Committee have any questions.

### **4.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance**

- 4.1 There are no implications for Council policy and governance in respect of determining this application.

### **5.0 Legal and Resource Implications**

- 5.1 There is no right of appeal to the Magistrates Court against this decision of the Committee.

### **6.0 Recommendations**

- 6.1 Members are requested to consider this request for the certification of the films as attached hereto.
- 6.2 Members are recommended to view films prior to the issue of a Certificate.

### **7.0 Options Available to Members**

- 7.1 The Licensing Authority has the authority to categories a film which is absent of a Certificate from the BBFC.