

Licensing Sub-Committee

Tuesday, 13th December, 2022

PRESENT: Councillor A Hutchison in the Chair

Councillors N Buckley and A Forsaith

1 Election of the Chair

RESOLVED - Councillor Hutchison was elected Chair for the meeting.

2 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

3 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There was no exempt information.

4 Late Items

There were no late items of business, however there was a supplementary document of officer comments for agenda item 6, Leeds INDIs Film Festival.

5 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

6 Certification of Films – Leeds INDIs Film Festival

The report of the Chief Officer Elections and Regulatory advised the Licensing Sub Committee of an application for the certification of eleven films as a part of Leeds INDIs Film Festival to be held between 17th and 26th February 2023 at The Pyramid Theatre, Leeds University Union, Lifford Place, Leeds, LS2 9JT.

The applicant had provided advance screeners and recommended classifications for each film. A copy of each request, including a synopsis and the applicant's suggested rating, was included at Appendix A of the submitted report.

To assist Members with their deliberation, officers of the Licensing Authority had viewed the available films and provided Members with their comments on the applicant's recommended rating when considered in accordance with the BBFC classification guidelines.

Present at the hearing was the applicant, Deborah Maturi, Director of Leeds INDIs Film Festival.

The applicant provided the Committee with a background to the film festival. The Leeds Independent Film Festival (Leeds INDIs) is one of three festivals co-ordinated by Leeds City Council, along with Leeds International Film Festival and Leeds Young Film Festival. Leeds INDIs has a focus on ensuring young people aged 15-30 can access film representation which is not catered to by the multiplex offer.

Members noted that the film entitled “Full of Grace” had been withdrawn ahead of the hearing. Of the remaining ten films for consideration, Members discussions focussed on the following four films:

- *Moja Vesna* due to strong language
- *The Land of Sacha* due to strong language and a brief and discreet sex scene
- *Shabu* due to strong language
- *Sonne* due to a scene of prolonged animal torture

RECOMMENDED: That the films to be screened as part of Leeds INDI’s Film Festival be awarded the following certifications –

Film	Committee decision
Moja Vesna	12a
The Land of Sacha	12a
Balaban	15
Before I Change My Mind	15
Cherry	15
Shabu	12a
Kind Hearts	15
Full of Grace	Withdrawal noted
Sonne	18
Spare Keys	12a
Talia’s Journey	PG

7 Application to Vary a Premises Licence held by Tavernaki Bistro Ltd, Great George Street, Leeds, LS1 3DW

Due to the applicant and Environmental Protection coming to an agreement ahead of the hearing, this application was withdrawn ahead of the Committee.