

Licensing Sub-Committee

Tuesday, 20th October, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor J Dunn in the Chair

Councillors R Downes and G Hussain

76 Election of the Chair

RESOLVED – That Councillor Jack Dunn be elected Chair for the duration of the meeting.

77 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against the refusal of inspection of documents.

78 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

79 Late Items

There was one late item added to the agenda Certification of Film for the Leeds International Film Festival. All parties had received the report prior to the hearing.

Minute 81 refers

80 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

81 Certification of Films - Leeds International Film Festival

The report of the Head of Elections, Licensing and Registration advised Members of an application for the certification of films to be shown at the Leeds International Film Festival.

The report provided 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. The certificate categories from the BBFC was listed at 2.2 of the submitted report.

Members had been provided with a brief synopsis and a recommended category in line with the BBFC classifications at Appendix A of the submitted report.

Chris Fell, Film Manager and Alex King, Programme Manager of LCC Arts and Events were in attendance at the hearing.

In response to Members questions the Committee was informed that the BBFC had stringent guidelines in relation to strong language, violence and nudity. It was explained that some of the films had hard storylines or a strong subject matter and had been classified accordingly.

All the films to be shown had been viewed by Officers in Arts and Events Team who had written the synopsis and recommended the certification at Appendix A of the submitted report in line with the BBFC classification.

RESOLVED – That the Licensing Sub Committee considered the certification of the films as attached at appendix A of the submitted report. The Members were of the view that the films be categorised as recommended.

82 Certification of Films

The report of the Head of Elections, Licensing and Registration advised Members of an application for the certification of films to be shown at the UK Jewish Film Festival to be held in November 2015.

The report provided 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. The certificate categories from the BBFC was listed at 2.2 of the submitted report.

Members had been provided with a brief synopsis and a recommended category in line with the BBFC classifications at Appendix A of the submitted report.

Members discussed the storyline of one film with specific reference to the ethnicity of the characters portrayed. However, it was the view of the Sub Committee that the film would not cause prejudice if shown.

RESOLVED - That the Licensing Sub Committee considered the certification of the films as attached at appendix A of the submitted report. The Members were of the view that the films be categorised as recommended.