Licensing Sub-Committee

Tuesday, 7th August, 2018

PRESENT: Councillor B Flynn in the Chair

Councillors J Heselwood and G Wilkinson

1 Election of the Chair

RESOLVED – That Councillor B Flynn be elected as Chair for the duration of 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 were no exempt items.

4 Late Items

There were no formal late items. However, some supplementary information had been circulated to all interested parties prior to the meeting in relation to Item 6 - Application for the certification of films to be shown at the Leeds Festival 2018 within the grounds of Bramham Park, Thorner Lane, Leeds, LS23 6ND.

5 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests at the meeting.

6 Certification of Films

The report of the Chief Officer of Elections and Regulatory presented an application for the certification of films to be shown at Leeds Festival 2018 at Bramham Park, Thorner Lane, Leeds, LS23 6ND.

The Licensing Officer presented the report and informed the Sub-Committee that the application had been received as the films had not been classified by the BBFC. The report outlined a brief synopsis of the films to be shown and the various classifications for each.

Marvin Belle of Oxford Film and Video Makers Company addressed the Sub-Committee on behalf of the applicant. The Sub-Committee was informed that the classifications applied for were chosen using the BBFC Guidelines as provided in Appendix A. Members also heard that the films would be shown after the last live music act had ended, and that the areas would be patrolled by members of staff to ensure that attendees were not underage.

Members requested further information regarding the adult themes in two of the films presented – 'Death Metal' and 'Don't Tell Me About Your Dreams'. Mr Belle suggested that the cartoon-like violence in 'Death Metal' was not a realistic depiction, and therefore was considered to require a Category 15 rather than 18. Additionally, Members heard that 'Don't Tell Me About Your Dreams' included scenes of nudity,

however not of a graphic nature, and therefore also was considered to require a Category 15, as opposed to 18.

The Licensing Sub-Committee carefully considered the application, the report and the representations made at the hearing.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted as applied for.