

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

**Report to:** Licensing Sub Committee

**Date:** Tuesday 21st<sup>h</sup> June 2022

**Subject:** Certification of Films – ‘Beeston Film Festival’ Watsonia Cafe

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Little London & Woodhouse		
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 Licensing Sub Committee Members of an application for the certification of a film to be screened at Watsonia Café, Cross Flatts Park LS11. The screening is scheduled to take place on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

### 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:



2.4 A copy of the current BBFC Classification Guidelines are attached at **Appendix A** for Member's consideration.

### **3.0 Main Issues**

3.1 An application has been received from Beeston Film Festival requesting the certification of a film, scheduled for screening on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022, at The Watsonia Café, Cross Flatts Park, LS11.

3.3 A copy of the document requesting classification, including a synopsis and the applicant's suggested rating can be found at **Appendix B** of this report.

3.4 To assist members with their deliberation officers of the Licensing Authority have viewed each available film and provided comments in accordance with BBFC guidelines. These comments are available in the document attached at **Appendix C**.

3.5 Details of the film requesting classification, including a link to view the screener, have been provided to Members of the Licensing Sub Committee in advance of the hearing.

3.6 A representative from Beeston Film Festival is due to attend the hearing and provide additional details of the film.

### **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 the decision of the Licensing Sub 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 categorise a film which is absent of a Certificate from the BBFC.