

Report of: Chief Officer, Elections and Regulatory

Report to: Licensing Sub Committee

Date: Tuesday, 18th October 2022

Subject: Certification of Film – ‘Araya’ by Hyde Park Picture House

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 City Varieties, Swan Street, Leeds, LS1 6LW. The screening is scheduled to take place on the 1st November 2022.

The applicant has provided an advance screener for the film and recommends a U certificate.

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 requesting the certification of a film, scheduled for screening on the 1st November 2022, at City Varieties, Swan Street, Leeds, LS1 6LW.
- 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 the available screener and confirm that, in the officer's opinion, the promoter's assessment of the film is accurate and there are no concerns with a U rating for this film in accordance with the BBFC guidelines.
- 3.5 Details of the film requesting classification including a link to view the screener has been provided to Members of the Licensing Sub Committee in advance of the hearing.
- 3.6 A representative from Hyde Park Picture House is due to attend the hearing to provide additional details and to answer any questions the committee may have.

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 categories a film which is absent of a Certificate from the BBFC.