

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

**Report to:** Licensing Sub Committee

**Date:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

**Subject:** Certification of Films – Metamorphosis and A Distant Place

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Little London & Woodhouse and Hunslet & Riverside		
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 two films to be screened at Pyramid Theatre – Leeds University Union, Lifton Place, Leeds LS2 9JT, and Wharf Chambers, 23 - 25 Wharf Street, Leeds, LS2 7EQ. The screenings are scheduled to take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

The applicant has provided advance screeners and recommends a 15 rating for each film.

### 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 two films. The films are scheduled to be screened on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022, at Pyramid Theatre – Leeds University Union, Lifton Place, Leeds, LS2 9JT, and Wharf Chambers, 23 - 25 Wharf Street, Leeds, LS2 7EQ.
- 3.3 A copy of each request, including a synopsis and the applicant's suggested rating, can be found at **Appendix A** of this report.
- 3.4 To assist members with their deliberation officers of the Licensing Authority have viewed the available films and confirm that they have no concerns with the applicant's recommended 15 rating when considered in accordance with the BBFC classification guidelines.
- 3.5 Details of each film requesting classification, including links to view the screeners, have 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 and provide additional details of each 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.