

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

**Report to:** Licensing Sub Committee

**Date:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Subject:** Certification of Films – Getting it Back: The Story of Cymande and Angry Annie

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 Members of the Licensing Sub Committee of an application for the certification of two films to be screened at Vue Cinema, 22 The Light, The Headrow, Leeds, LS1 8TL. The screenings are scheduled to take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 and 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

The promoter has provided advance screeners for each film and recommends a 15 rating is awarded to both.

### 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.



2.4 A copy of the current BBFC Classification Guidelines are available [here](#).

### **3.0 Main Issues**

3.1 An application has been received from Leeds Film to request the films titled, 'Getting it Back: The Story of Cymande', and 'Angry Annie', to be appropriately age certified. The films are scheduled for screening on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 and 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023, at Vue Cinema, 22 The Light, The Headrow, Leeds, LS1 8TL.

3.3 Further details of each film requesting certification are as follows:

Title: Getting it Back: The Story of Cymande  
Synopsis: A music documentary about the band Cymande, one of the truly great bands of the 70s and unsung heroes of Black British music. Disbanding after only three albums, they were largely forgotten, only to be rediscovered by a hugely enthusiastic new audience in the hip hop generation.

Recommend Rating: 15

Title: Angry Annie  
Synopsis: A drama about female solidarity set in the French countryside in 1974. A working mother of two teenagers accidentally becomes pregnant. She meets with the Movement for the Liberation of Abortion and Contraception (MLAC); doctors and women who perform illegal abortions in the public eye, practicing a free, safe and respectful method. Gradually she joins them, which brings new meaning to her life.

Recommend Rating: 15

3.4 To assist members with their deliberation officers of the Licensing Authority have viewed each film and can confirm that they have no concerns with applicant's recommended 15 rating when considered in accordance with BBFC guidelines.

3.5 Details of each film, including links to view advance screeners, have been provided to the Licensing Sub Committee Members in advance of the hearing.

3.6 A representative of Leeds Film is due to attend the hearing to provide additional details.

### **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 the film 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.