



LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Friday 12 July 2019

APPLICATION DETAILS

Type:	Film classification
Name of Applicant(s):	Festival Republic Limited
Address of Applicant(s):	35 Bow Street, Covent Garden, London WC2E 7AU
Type of applicant (Premises only)	Company
Name of Premises:	Henham Park
Address of premises:	Beccles, Suffolk NR34 8AN
Description of Premises:	Venue for Latitude Festival 2019

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- An application requesting the classification of several short films has been received.
- Arrangements were made for members of the Licensing Sub-Committee to view the films on 12 July 2019.
- The Sub-Committee is asked to determine the appropriate admission criteria for the films

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
Wards Affected:	Halesworth & Blything, and Southwold

Cabinet Member:	Councillor Mary Rudd, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Safety
Supporting Officer:	Teresa Bailey Senior Licensing Officer 01394 444364 teresa.bailey@eastsoffolk.gov.uk

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Latitude Festival is a four-day music and arts event held annually at Henham Park near Blythburgh. The festival comprises several arenas, one of which is the Music and Film Arena.
- 1.2 The films will be shown during the four-day period 18 – 21 July 2019.
- 1.3 There will be a blanket classification for the film arena of 15. Although films may be classified as a U, PG, 12A or 15, no-one under the age of 15 years will be permitted inside the tent. The exception is that there will be short periods during the day allocated to ‘family’ viewing where only ‘U’ classified films will be shown.
- 1.4 The Premises Licence holder, Festival Republic Ltd, has requested that the films be given suitable classifications.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Cinema proprietors licensed by the District Council are obliged by the mandatory conditions attached to their premises licences to comply with the admission criteria awarded by the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC).
- 2.2 The same admission criteria should be used for the films presented for classification for the 2019 Latitude Festival.
- 2.3 The films have not been shown before within the East Suffolk district and it is therefore necessary for this Authority to give them a suitable classification.

3. APPLICATION

- 3.1 Festival Republic Ltd has supplied several short films with a brief description of the film content.
- 3.2 The films titles suggest that there will be a range of age categories including U, PG and 12A. However, the films chosen to be viewed will be those that Festival Republic Ltd has recommended as a 15 in order that the Sub-Committee can determine whether in fact, they should be a 18 classification and therefore not shown.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Having attended a viewing of the films, the Sub-Committee is asked to determine the appropriate admission criteria for the films.

4.2 The policies used by the BBFC when deciding classification for a film are attached at Appendix A.

APPENDICES	
Appendix A	BBFC Classification Guidelines

BACKGROUND PAPERS	
	None