



LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Committee Date: 21 September 2022

FILM CLASSIFICATION – A SERIES OF SHORT FILMS TO BE SCREENED AT RIVERSIDE THEATRE, WOODBRIDGE AS PART OF THE SUFFOLK SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

1. An application requesting the classification of a number of short films has been received.
2. Arrangements were made for members of the Licensing Sub-Committee to view the film on 21 September 2022.
3. The Sub-Committee is asked to determine the appropriate admission criteria for the film.

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
Wards Affected:	Woodbridge
Cabinet Member:	Cllr. Mary Rudd - Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Health
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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. Cinema proprietors licensed by the 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).
- 1.2. These same admission criteria should be used for any film presented to a Local Authority for classification.

2. APPLICATION

- 2.1. The Licensing Team has received a request to arrange for the classification of a number of short films to enable them to be screened at the Riverside Theatre, Woodbridge on 8 October 2022. The request is attached at **Appendix A**. Additional information including a synopsis for each film, will be provided to Members on or before the day of viewing.
- 2.2. The films have not been shown to the public before within the East Suffolk district and it is therefore necessary for this Authority to give them a suitable classification.

3. THE FILMS

- 3.1 The films are still in production and/or are being received by the applicant. The films, the titles, and information about the films, will be available to the panel of Members prior to the viewing.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Having viewed the films, the Sub-Committee is asked to determine the appropriate admission criteria for the film. The policies used by the BBFC when deciding classification for a film are attached as **Appendix B**.

APPENDICES	
Appendix A	Request for the classification of a number of short films.
Appendix B	British Board of Film Classification guidance.