



LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

21 SEPTEMBER 2021

FILM CLASSIFICATION – A FILM TO BE SCREENED AT RIVERSIDE THEATRE, WOODBIDGE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

1. An application requesting the classification of a film has been received.
2. Arrangements were made for members of the Licensing Sub-Committee to view the film on 20 September 2021.
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:	Councillor 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 film to enable it to be screened at the Riverside Theatre, Woodbridge on 26 September 2021. The request along with additional information is attached at **Appendix A**.
- 2.2. The film has not been shown to the public before within the East Suffolk district and it is therefore necessary for this Authority to give it a suitable classification.

3. THE FILM

3.1 Dance Under Suffolk Skies

A delightful journey through spectacular landscapes of Suffolk from heath to river shore, with 114 local dancers aged 2 to 80 portraying the wildlife within them from otters to brambles, magpies to dandelions, ivy to adders. The culmination of 'Moving Appearances', developed and led by Dance Artist, Sam Moss.

Supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England by Ipswich Borough Council Area Committee, DanceEast and Suffolk Libraries.'

Director: Sam Moss with Roswitha Chesher
Soundscore: Amy Mallett

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Having attended a viewing of the film, 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	Requests for the classification of 'Dance Under Suffolk Skies'.
Appendix B	British Board of Film Classification guidance.

BACKGROUND PAPERS – None.