



## LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

**Committee Date:** 21 October 2022

### FILM CLASSIFICATION – A SERIES OF SHORT FILMS TO BE SCREENED AT 3 VENUES ACROSS LOWESTOFT AS PART OF THE LOWESTOFT 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 films.
3. The Sub-Committee is asked to determine the appropriate admission criteria for each of the film.

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	Harbour and Normanston Kirkley and Pakefield
<b>Cabinet Member:</b>	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 number of short films to enable them to be screened at Old Court Buildings and the Britten Room at Lowestoft Library on 22 and 23 October 2022, and East Point Pavilion from 24 to 28 October 2022. Additional information for each film, will be provided to Members before the viewing of the films.
- 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 titles, and information about them, 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.
- 4.2 The policies used by the BBFC when deciding classification for a film are attached as **Appendix A**.

<b>APPENDICES</b>	
<b>Appendix A</b>	British Board of Film Classification guidance.