



LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Committee Date: 29 September 2023

FILM CLASSIFICATION – A SERIES OF SHORT FILMS TO BE SCREENED AT VENUES ACROSS LOWESTOFT AS PART OF THE LOWESTOFT FILM FESTIVAL 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

<ol style="list-style-type: none">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 prior to the hearing.3. The Sub-Committee is asked to determine the appropriate admission criteria for each of the films.

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
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Wards Affected:	Harbour and Normanston Kirkley and Pakefield
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Cabinet Member:	Councillor Mike Ninnmey 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 20 to 27 October 2023 as part of the Lowestoft Film Festival. The films will be shown at East Point Pavilion, The Grit Arts Centre and The Junction, all in Lowestoft.
- 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 film details and links have been made available to the panel of Members. They will view the films prior to the hearing.

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 A**.

APPENDICES	
Appendix A	Request for classification
Appendix B	British Board of Film Classification guidance.

BACKGROUND PAPERS – none
