



LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 1 November 2023

FILM CLASSIFICATION – A FILM, ‘NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY’ TO BE SCREENED AT ALDEBURGH CINEMA AS PART OF THE ALDEBURGH DOCUMENTARY FESTIVAL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

<ol style="list-style-type: none">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 prior to the hearing on 1 November 2023.3. The Sub-Committee is asked to determine the appropriate admission criteria for the film.

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
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Wards Affected:	Aldeburgh and Leiston
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Cabinet Member:	Councillor Jan Candy Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Health
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Supporting Officer:	Teresa Bailey Senior Licensing Officer 01394 444364 Teresa.bailey@eastsoffolk.gov.uk
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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 Aldeburgh Cinema in November 2023. The film is called Neither Confirm Nor Deny. The request is attached at **Appendix A**. Additional information including a synopsis for the film, has been provided to Members prior to them viewing the film.
- 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 FILMS

- 3.1 The film title, and information about it, has been made available to the panel of Members prior to the viewing.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Having viewed the film, the Sub-Committee is asked to determine the appropriate admission criteria.
- 4.2 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 the film.
Appendix B	British Board of Film Classification guidance.

BACKGROUND PAPERS – none.

