



## LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

13 September 2023

**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 films prior to the hearing on 13 September 2023.
3. The Sub-Committee is asked to determine the appropriate admission criteria for the films.

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	Woodbridge
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<b>Cabinet Member:</b>	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 at the Riverside Theatre, Woodbridge on 14 October 2023. The request is attached at **Appendix A**. Additional information including a synopsis for each film, has been provided to Members prior to them viewing 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 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 each film.

The policies used by the BBFC when deciding classification for a film are attached as **Appendix B**.

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

**BACKGROUND PAPERS** – None