



## LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

**Committee Date:** Tuesday, 6 July 2021

### APPLICATION DETAILS

<b>Type:</b>	Film classification
<b>Name of Applicant(s):</b>	Festival Republic Limited
<b>Address of Applicant(s):</b>	30 St John's Street, London EC1M 4AY
<b>Type of applicant (Premises Only)</b>	Company
<b>Name of Premises:</b>	Henham Park
<b>Address of premises:</b>	Beccles, Suffolk NR34 8AN
<b>Description of Premises:</b>	Venue for Latitude Festival

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- An application requesting the classification of several short films has been received.
- Arrangements were made for members of the Licensing Sub-Committee to view the films on 6 July 2021.
- The 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>	Wrentham, Wangford and Westleton
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<b>Cabinet Member:</b>	Councillor Mary Rudd Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Health
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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Latitude Festival is a four day music and arts event held annually at Henham Park near Blythburgh. The festival comprises several arenas, one of which is the Music and Film Arena.
- 1.2 The films will be shown during the 4-day period 22 – 25 July 2021.
- 1.3 Festival Republic have indicated that they may show some category 18 films this year. Members will be required to view films that are likely to be classified as a 15 to determine whether or not they should be an 18, or in fact a 12A. There is likely to be short periods during the day allocated to ‘family’ viewing where only ‘U’ classified films will be shown.
- 1.4 The Premises Licence holder, Festival Republic Ltd has requested that the films be given suitable classifications.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 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).
- 2.2 The same admission criteria should be used for the films presented for classification for the 2021 Latitude Festival.
- 2.3 The films have not been shown before within the East Suffolk district and it is therefore necessary for this Authority to give them a suitable classification.

## **3. APPLICATION**

- 3.1 Festival Republic has supplied a number of short films with a brief description of the film content.
- 3.2 There will be a range of age categories including U, PG, 12A, 15 and 18. However the films chosen to be viewed will be those that Festival Republic has recommended as a 15 in order that the Sub-Committee can determine whether in fact they should be an 18.

## **4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 Having attended a viewing of the films, the Sub-Committee is asked to determine the appropriate admission criteria for the films.
- 4.2 The policies used by the BBFC when deciding classification for a film are attached, Appendix A.

<b>APPENDICES</b>	
<b>Appendix A</b>	BBFC Classification Guidelines

<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS – None</b>
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