

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

LICENSING AND SAFETY

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LAW AND PROPERTY

FILM CLASSIFICATION

8TH NOVEMBER 2005

PURPOSE

1. To consider the application made by Kate Hadley, Live Art and Performance Project Co-ordinator of the Public, for classification of a short film entitled Town Hall.

BACKGROUND

2. On the 25th October 2005 an application was received from Kate Hadley for classification by the Committee of a short film entitled Town Hall. A copy of the letter of application is attached to this report as Appendix 1.
3. Ms Hadley is intending to show this film to an invited audience at the U.C.I., Merry Hill on the 15th November 2005 at 7.30 p.m.
4. A DVD copy of the film has also been received and is available for the Committee to view.

PROPOSAL

5. That the Committee consider the application for classification.

FINANCE

6. There are no financial implications.

LAW

7. The law relating to the Licensing of Cinematograph is governed by the Cinemas Act 1985.
8. No film shall be exhibited unless -
 - (a) It has received a "U", "PG" (A), "15" (AA) or "18" (X) certificate of the British Board of Film Censors; or
 - (b) It is a current newsreel which has not been submitted to the British Board of Film Censors; or
 - (c) It has received a "RESTRICTED (18)" Certificate of the British Board of Film Censors and the conditions specified are being complied with.
9. Notwithstanding the conditions contained in the cinemas licence, a film may be exhibited, or persons or any class of persons, may be admitted thereto if the permission of the Licensing Authority is first obtained and the conditions of such permission are complied with.

EQUALITY IMPACT

10. This report complies with the Council's policy on equal opportunities.

RECOMMENDATION

11. That the Committee determine this application.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

12. Letter of application.


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