

Cinemas Act 1985 – request for variation of licensing conditions – Edinburgh International Film Festival

Licensing Sub-Committee

20th May 2011

Purpose of report

- 1 To advise the committee of a request received for authorisation to screen uncertificated films during the Edinburgh International Film Festival 2011.

Main report

- 2 The Council's Licensing Section, Legal and Administrative Services has been notified by the Artistic Director of the Edinburgh International Film Festival of a proposed program of films to be screened during the 2011 Film Festival, at venues throughout the city. The details of the proposed program of films will be made available to the committee members prior to the committee meeting, for consideration.
- 3 In terms of condition 2 of the Council's standard conditions attaching to all grants of cinema licence, only films with certificates from the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) may be exhibited. Condition 3 of the cinema licence conditions allows the exhibition of any film, if the Council's permission is first obtained.
- 4 A representative of the Film Festival has been invited to attend the meeting to assist committee members in reaching their decision on the request for variation of the several Cinema licences affected by the request.

Financial Implications

- 5 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Environmental Impact

- 6 There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

Recommendations

- 7 Taking into account the details of the films listed in the attached appendix, the Committee is asked to consider variation of Licensing Conditions to allow screening of films without BBFC classification.

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Appendices	1. list of uncertificated films being screened during Edinburgh International Film Festival 2011 – to be tabled 2. City of Edinburgh Council Licensing Conditions – Cinema Licence
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Wards affected	citywide
Single Outcome Agreement	Supports National Outcome 1 – “We live in a Scotland that is the most attractive place for doing business in Europe” and Edinburgh outcomes – “Edinburgh is the top performing tourist destination outside of London” and “Edinburgh’s Festivals have a global competitive edge”.
Background Papers	none