

CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE – 31 MARCH 2016

PERMISSION FOR FILM EXHIBITION

REPORT BY THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this report is to consider a request to permit the exhibition of a film entitled 'Fear Itself' (2015) (director: Charlie Lyne).

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) view the film 'Fear Itself' (2015) (director: Charlie Lyne),
- (ii) determine whether to permit the exhibition of the film; and
- (iii) if the Committee is minded to permit the exhibition of the film, determine what, if any, conditions to apply to the permission.

2. BACKGROUND

Condition 1 of the Cinema Licence granted under the Cinemas Act 1985 requires that:-

1. No film shall be exhibited unless –
 - a. It has received a "U", "PG", "15" or "18" certificate of the British Board of Film Censors; and
2. Notwithstanding the conditions herein before contained, 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 any conditions of such permission are complied with.

In a letter dated 22nd February, Charlie Lyne, Director of the film "Fear itself" requested that Angus Council permit the exhibition of his film 'Fear Itself' as it has not received a certificate from the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) (the new name for the British Board of Film Censors). The BBFC considers eight categories of harm when determining what age rating a film should receive.

Attached as **APPENDIX 1** is a summary of the BBFC's guidelines and a report on the content of 'Fear Itself' using the BBFC's guidelines.

It is, therefore, recommended that the Committee view the film 'Fear Itself' (2015) (director: Charlie Lyne), determine whether to permit the exhibition of the film; and if the Committee is minded to permit the exhibition of the film, determine what, if any, conditions to apply to the permission.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights issues arising directly from this report.

NOTE: No background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.

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