

ANGUS COUNCIL

CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE – 11 JANUARY 2024

EXCEPTION TO CINEMA LICENCE CONDITIONS

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL, GOVERNANCE AND CHANGE

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this report is to consider the request from The Montrose Playhouse Project Limited (Licence Number CL 6) to permit the exhibition of an unclassified film as detailed in **APPENDIX 1**.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee: -

- (i) determine whether to permit the exhibition of the unclassified film; and
- (ii) if the Committee is minded to permit the showing of the unclassified film, determine what, if any, conditions apply to the permission.

2. BACKGROUND

Condition 3 of Cinema Licence number CL 6 granted to The Montrose Playhouse Project Limited under the Cinemas Act 1985 requires that:-

3. No film shall be exhibited unless –
 - (a) It has received a 'U', 'PG', '12', '15' or '18' certificate of the British Board of Classification; or
 - (b) It is a current newsreel which has not been submitted to the British Board of Film Classification.

Condition 7 states:

7. 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 condition of such permission is complied with.

In an email from the licence holder, The Montrose Playhouse Project Ltd, dated 12 December 2023 an application for permission to exhibit an unclassified film was received as they had not received a certificate from the British Board of Film Classification. The BBFC considers a wide number of factors when considering what age rating a film should receive – a copy of their guidance is set out in **APPENDIX 2**.

Members of the Committee have had the opportunity to view the film.

It is recommended that the Committee determine whether to permit the exhibition of the unclassified film; and if the Committee is minded to permit the showing of the unclassified film, determine what, if any, conditions apply to the permission.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be no financial implications arising directly from this report.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

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

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Film Title: Denmark - The State of Happiness

Date/Time: 31st January at 7:00pm at the Montrose Playhouse

Film Description: Denmark - THE STATE OF HAPPINESS

They are judged the happiest people on earth, with the world's best energy system, a GDP per capita almost a third higher than Britain, more bikes in daily use than the Netherlands, a swim just 15 mins away from every Copenhagen resident and state-run TV that changed the face of drama with Borgen, the Killing and the Bridge. Yet Denmark is small (with about half Scotland's land mass and the same population). It has less oil/coal/gas to fuel its economy and lost an empire - just like Britain. Yet the Danes have bounced back to become the modern, eco-leaders of Europe. How did they do it? The new film, made with Charlie Stuart has a run time of 60 minutes. It's the latest in the series of Nordic films that includes Norway, Iceland, Faroes and Estonia and was produced courtesy of the Scottish Independence Foundation and Dr Simon Forrest.

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvJxLFuFr7U>

Website: <https://lesleyriddoch.com/films>

Director: Lesley Riddoch/ Charlie Stuart

Producer: Lesley Riddoch/ Charlie Stuart

Country: Scotland

Date: 2022

Runtime: 60 min

Subtitles: N/A

Festivals and awards: N/A

Premiere status: N/A

Link to Watch: <https://vimeo.com/874178601/66082a789c>

Rating: This film is not yet BBFC rated. However, it has no swearing or otherwise objectionable material so we would suggest a U rating as suitable for all viewers.