

At a meeting of the Licensing Panel held in Council Chamber - Allerdale House, Workington on Friday 29 June 2018 at 2.00 pm

## **Members**

Councillor Ron Munby (Chair)  
Councillor Len Davies

Councillor Len Davies  
Councillor Billy Miskelly

## **Staff Present**

D Devine, D Fletcher and J Morgan

### **79. Election of Chair**

Councillor R Munby was elected Chair for the ensuing meeting.

### **80. Declaration of Interests**

None declared.

### **81. Questions**

None received.

### **82. Application for Film Classification under the Licensing Act 2003**

The Licensing and Compliance Officer submitted a report which sought Members to consider and determine an application to classify a film which had not been classified by the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC).

Section 4.6 of the report set out a timeline of notable events in the film.

Members viewed the film and considered the information set out in the report, having regard to the British Board of Film Classification Guidelines.

Councillor B Miskelly moved that the film be given a classification of certificate 15 – suitable only for 15 years and over. This was seconded by Councillor R Munby.

A vote was taken on the motion. The vote in favour was unanimous. The motion was carried.

## **Decision**

The Licensing Panel resolved that the following classification be given:

‘Making Noise Quietly’ – certificate 15 – suitable only for 15 years and over

In reaching its decision, the Licensing Panel viewed the film and considered the information set out in the report by the Licensing and Compliance Officer. The Panel had regard to the British Board of Film Classification Guidelines.

The Licensing Panel had regard to the four licensing objectives under the Licensing Act 2003 and the Council's Licensing Policy. In particular, the Panel considered as its overriding objective the protection of children from harm.

In addition, the Panel considered the Secretary of State's revised guidance under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, specifically, but not limited to paragraphs 2.29 (protection of children from harm), 10.61 to 10.62 (exhibition of films) and 13.55 (children and cinemas).

The Panel sought to balance the promotion of the licensing objectives while seeking to ensure the film reached the widest audience appropriate. The Panel found that the issues of threat and violence in the film were important issues to consider. However, the main reason for the decision was that it found the film to contain strong to very strong language, such that it was suitable only for an audience of 15 years and over.

### **Resolved**

That the following classification be given:

'Making Noise Quietly' – certificate 15 – suitable only for 15 years and over

**The meeting closed at 4.15 pm**