

## **Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee,**

**Thursday, 27 June 2024 at 3.00PM held at Walsall Council House in Conference Room 2.**

### **Committee Members present:**

Councillor K. Sears (Chair)

Councillor K. Ferguson

Councillor R.K. Mehmi

### **Officers Present:**

Sayful Alom – Licensing Team Leader

Tara Tumba – Solicitor to the Sub-Committee

Jack Thompson – Democratic Services Officer

### **XX Appointment of Chair**

**Resolved** that Councillor K. Sears be appointed Chair of the Licensing Sub-Committee for this meeting only.

The Chair extended a welcome to all persons present at the Licensing Sub-Committee which had been established under the Licensing Act, 2003.

### **XX Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **XX Substitutions**

There were no substitutions for this meeting.

### **XX Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **XX Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)**

There were no private items.

### **XX Application for the determination of film classification for the films 'Mithya' and 'The Queen of My Dreams' under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of Light Cinema, Walsall Waterfront, Wolverhampton Street, Walsall, WS2 8DD.**

The Chair explained the purpose of the meeting and requested the Licensing Team Leader to outline the report. [annexed]. The Licensing Officer also confirmed the Members of the Sub-Committee had watched both films in advance on the hearing.

At the invitation of the Chair Members were invited to ask questions to Licensing Team Leader, the responses to these questions included:

- That Members should determine the classification films based on the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) only;
- That while concerns could be raised about the cultural messages of the films decisions on classification decision must be based on the BBFC as set out in the Council policies.

The Chair informed the Sub-Committee that the applicant would not be attending the hearing but was happy for the Sub-Committee to proceed in their absence.

There being no further questions, the Sub-Committee entered into private session at 15:13.

The Sub-Committee reconvened at 15:29. The Chair asked the Legal Advisor to the Sub-Committee, Tara Tumber, to relay the decision.

**Resolved:**

1. That by a vote of two in favour and one against, the film 'Mithya' be classified as 15 under the British Board of Film Certification.
2. That by unanimous vote, the film 'Queen of my Dream' be classified as 12A under the British Board of Film Certification.

The Licensing Team Leader confirmed that the necessary notice would be sent to the Light Cinema, informing them of the decision.

**Termination of Meeting**

The meeting terminated at 15.32p.m.

Chair.....

Date.....