

## **LICENSING ACT 2003**

# Request to make a recommendation in respect of restrictions to access by children to screening of the film "Soul of a Commando"

### **Decision Record**

**APPLICANT:** Princes Hall, Aldershot

FILM: Soul of a Commando

**DATE OF HEARING:** 16th August, 2022

MEMBERS SITTING: Cllrs P.J. Cullum (Chairman), Christine Guinness

and S. Trussler

#### **DECISION**

To apply a film classification of 15.

#### **REASONS**

The Sub-Committee considered that a 15 rating was justified for the following reasons:

 It included dangerous behaviour, serious and extended violent scenes.

The film included themes which the Sub-Committee considered inappropriate for younger viewers. Whilst the Sub-Committee recognised that challenging themes may be appropriate for younger viewers in some circumstances it felt that in this film the behaviours were not dealt with sufficiently sensitively or in a reassuring matter.

The sub-committee considered that the multiple classification issues produced a cumulative impact making the classification of 15 appropriate. Although the overall tone of the film was not considered to be dark or unsettling, the Sub-Committee felt the presentation of the dangerous behaviour and violence had a significant impact on the tone.

• It included instances of strong violence including scenes of fatal violence and the infliction of serious injuries.