

**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
(ALCOHOL & ENTERTAINMENTS)
16 AUGUST 2022**

LICENSING REPORT NO. OS2213

**REQUEST TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION IN RESPECT OF
RESTRICTIONS TO ACCESS BY CHILDREN TO THE SCREENING OF
'SOUL OF THE COMMANDO'**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This report concerns a request to make a recommendation in respect of restrictions to access by children for screening of a film in accordance with the mandatory conditions applied under section 20 of the Licensing Act 2003 (the 'Act'). The process agreed by the Licensing and General Purposes Committee invokes the need for a hearing to determine the appropriate recommendation.
- 1.2. The report provides details of the request, and should be read in conjunction with the BBFC classification guidelines. This, together with information obtained at the hearing should be used to determine the application.

2.0 THE APPLICATION

- 2.1. A request to make a recommendation in respect of restrictions to access by children for the screening of 'Soul of the Commando'.
- 2.2. This film was submitted to the licensing authority on the 22nd July 2022 by Princes Hall (Rushmoor Borough Council) on behalf of Dilkumar Rai to be screened on the 27th August 2022.
- 2.3. The duration of the film is approx. 1 hour and 56 minutes.

3.0 DETERMINATION

- 3.1. In accordance with the Act and the Council's scheme of delegation, the Sub-Committee is asked to make recommendations as to the restrictions of access to the screenings of the film by children.

4.0 RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

4.1. BBFC Guidance

- 4.2. In making recommendations, the sub-committee must have regard to the BBFC classification guidelines given at **appendix A**.

4.3. Mandatory Conditions

4.4. For information, the mandatory condition in respect of this request is detailed at **appendix B**.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

5.1. The Sub-Committee is asked to watch the film and determine the request having regard to -

- (a) the contents of this report;
- (b) the contents of the film;
- (c) any additional information obtained from the hearing; and
- (d) the BBFC classification guidelines.

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LICENSING ACT 2003 MANDATORY CONDITIONS

<i>When Applicable</i>	<i>Mandatory Condition</i>	<i>Reference</i>
Where there is any exhibition of film.	(1) (i) In respect of the exhibition of films, the admission of children (ie: anyone aged under 18) must be restricted in accordance with any recommendation(s) made by the film classification body specified (as designated by S4 of the Video Recordings Act 1984 - the British Board of Film Classification).	S20 Licensing Act 2003
	(ii) Where a film classification body is not specified, the admission of children must be restricted in accordance with any recommendation(s) made by the licensing authority.	

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