

Licensing Sub-Committee of the Regulatory Committee

9.30am, Tuesday, 28 June 2022

Cinemas Act 1985 – Variation of Licensing Conditions – Edinburgh International Film Festival 2022

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Report number	
Executive/routine	
Wards	Citywide
Council Commitments	N/A

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 The Licensing Sub-Committee is asked to:
- 1.1.1 Note that the Council has received a request for authorisation to screen uncertificated films during the Edinburgh International Film Festival (EIFF) 2022; and
 - 1.1.2 Grant permission to allow specific uncertificated films, from the list of titles circulated, to be shown as part of the 2022 festival between 12 and 20 August 2022 at the venues listed in Appendix 1.

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Council has received a request for authorisation to screen uncertificated films during the Edinburgh International Film Festival (EIFF) 2022. This report seeks approval to grant permission.

3. Background

- 3.1 Condition 2 of the Council's standard conditions, which applies to all cinema licences, states that only films with certificates from the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) may be exhibited.
- 3.2 However, condition 3 of the cinema licence conditions allows the exhibition of any film, if the Council's permission is obtained first.
- 3.3 Committee has given approval for the EIFF to show uncertificated films in previous years.

4. Main report

- 4.1 The Council received notice from the EIFF Ltd regarding films due to be screened during the 2022 festival.
- 4.2 Typically these films are yet to be released and have still to be classified by the BBFC. Therefore, as required by the Council's Standard Conditions of Licence, the EIFF is seeking permission on behalf of the various cinemas for the films within the programme to be shown. Committee has previously agreed to similar variations for a number of years.
- 4.3 Committee members should note that any permitted variation would relate only to the films specified on the list circulated to members, and any films not so specified would be required to adhere to the Council's Standard Conditions of Licence.
- 4.4 This permission will apply, as appropriate, to the licensed premises listed in Appendix 1.

5. Next steps

- 5.1 The Council discharges its licensing functions appropriately.
- 5.2 This accords with statutory provisions and is consistent with standard conditions for cinema licences

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7. Stakeholder and Community impact

- 7.1 None.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 [City of Edinburgh Council Licensing Conditions – Cinema Licensing](#)

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1 - list of affected licensed premises.

Appendix 1

- Filmhouse, 88 Lothian Road
- Vue Omni, Omni Leisure Building, 61/11 Greenside Pl, Leith St
- Everyman (St James Quarter), 502 Edinburgh St James, St James Crescent
- Cameo, 38 Home St
- St Andrew Square