

## **Meeting of the Statutory Classifiers**

**Monday 11 December 2023**

### **Present**

Natasha Kaplinsky	President
Murphy Cobbing	Vice President
Kamlesh Patel	Vice President
David Austin	Chief Executive
Dave Barrett	Deputy Chief Executive
Faye Harcourt	Director, Marketing and Outreach
Chris Davies	Compliance Manager
Jonny Goodman	Compliance Manager
Sarah Peacock	Compliance & Education Manager
Ed Lamberti	Policy Manager
Matt Tindall	Senior Policy Officer (minutes)

### **Minutes of the previous meeting**

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

### **Matters arising**

2. There were no matters arising.

### **Classification Guidelines**

3. Researchers from We Are Family joined the meeting to share the findings of the guidelines consultation, which has run throughout 2023. The qualitative stage of the research involved 31 focus groups in locations across the UK, six 'teen parties' to seek views from young people, four film screenings, and an online community, while the qualitative survey reached over 11,000 respondents. A combined total of 12,001 people took part in this research, the highest number of participants the BBFC has ever consulted on its guidelines, providing a very robust set of findings to help ensure that our standards continue to reflect the views of UK audiences.
4. Chris presented the proposed changes to the guidelines based on the findings, and these were agreed by the Classifiers. The updated guidelines will be introduced in Q1 2024.

### **AOB**

5. There was no other business.

**Date of next meeting:** 24 January 2024