



Age Ratings You Trust

## 195<sup>th</sup> BBFC Board of Classification Meeting

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### Present:

Patrick Swaffer	President
Alison Hastings	Vice President
Gerard Lemos	Vice President
David Austin	Chief Executive
Craig Lapper	Compliance Manager
Murray Perkins	Head of DEA
Amelia Erratt	DEA Officer
David Miles (minutes)	Policy Director

### Minutes of the previous meeting

1. The minutes were agreed.

### Matters arising

2. There were no matters arising.

### DEA Update

3. Mr Perkins and Ms Erratt updated the meeting on progress in implementing the Digital Economy Act (DEA) Guidance to Ancillary Service Providers (ASPs). The Board agreed the draft guidance.  
**Action:** Post designation, the BBFC will consult stakeholders on the Guidance.

### Protection of Children Act 1978 (POCA)

4. Mr Lapper updated the Board on the review of the BBFC's policy on POCA. Two documents were shared with the Board, a legal note clarifying the present interpretation of POCA and a consequential internal BBFC Handling Guide.  
**Action:** Both documents are now with the BBFC's legal advisors to incorporate some minor amendments. Once done, the documents will be circulated one final time to the Board for approval.

### Strategy Paper

5. On behalf the Executive Leadership Team (ELT), Mr Austin presented a paper outlining ELT's proposed Strategy enabling it to continue to guide families on making viewing choices and to protect children and the

vulnerable. The Board supported the strategy paper as regards classification policy and agreed the paper should go forward to the Council of Management for approval of its financial aspects.

### **International Cooperation**

6. Mr Miles updated the Board on the BBFC's attendance of the Child Dignity in the Digital World Congress, hosted by the Vatican in Rome from 3-6 October. The agenda included presentations from some of the foremost academic researchers on the impact of pornography on children and young people. There was considerable overseas interest in Part 3 of the DEA and the BBFC's proposed regulatory role under it, with the DEA seen as a potential model for other countries to draw upon.

**Action:** Mr Miles will recommend following up with experts and country contacts post-designation as the age verification regulator under the DEA.

### **AOB**

7. None

### **Date of next meeting:**

Thursday 16 November 2017