

BBFC Board of Classification Meeting

Thursday 27 May 2021

(Meeting held remotely)

Present

Patrick Swaffer	President
Murphy Cobbing	Vice President
Kamlesh Patel	Vice President
David Austin	Chief Executive
Dave Barrett	Deputy Chief Executive
Matt Tindall	Senior Policy Officer (minutes)
Edward Lamberti	Policy Manager (for items 3 and 4)
Chris Davies	Compliance Manager (for item 5)

Minutes of the previous meeting

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Matters arising

2. There were no matters arising.

Online Safety Bill

3. The Board discussed the draft Online Safety Bill, published 12 May 2021.

APCV

4. The Board discussed plans to refresh the membership of the BBFC's Advisory Panel on Children's Viewing (APCV), which meets three times a year to advise the BBFC on issues concerning the interests of children and young people. Four current members of the APCV have reached the end of their terms and will therefore need to step down following the next meeting in July 2021. Up to five new members will be recruited to the APCV, with their inaugural meeting being in November 2021. The job will be advertised on Nurole.

Discrimination research

5. Chris updated the Board on the work of the Compliance team in preparation for the upcoming discrimination research, including briefing the research agency and identifying which clips will be used as stimulus material. The research will explore the issue of discrimination to ensure that the BBFC's classification decisions and the guidance provided in Ratings Info are in line with the expectations of UK audiences.

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6. There was no other business.

Date of next meeting: 23 June 2021