

BBFC Board of Classification Meeting

Wednesday 8 April 2020

(Meeting held remotely)

Present:

Patrick Swaffer	President
Kamlesh Patel	Vice President
Murphy Cobbing	Vice President
David Austin	Chief Executive
Murray Perkins	Policy Director
Craig Lapper	Head of Compliance (minutes)

Apologies

Dave Barrett	Deputy Chief Executive
Matt Tindall	Policy Officer

Minutes of the previous meeting

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Matters arising

2. There were no matters arising.

Stakeholder engagement

3. Mr Perkins updated the meeting on work being undertaken with VOD providers to improve provision of BBFC ratings and ratings info across a variety of platforms.

Language research

4. Mr Lapper updated the meeting on the research that has been commissioned into public attitudes towards certain types of bad language. This will comprise qualitative and quantitative elements, examining attitudes across the UK towards both the rating of bad language and how these elements should be described in ratings info. In particular, the research will focus on: strong language at 12A/12; very strong language at 15; 'reclaimed' uses of the 'n' word at the 12A/12 level, particularly in music videos; and implied bad language and word play, such as 'WTF'.

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5. There was no other business.

Date of next meeting: 14 May 2020