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BBFC Board of Classification Meeting

Tuesday 12 March 2019

Present:

Patrick Swaffer	President
Kamlesh Patel	Vice President
Murphy Cobbing	Vice President
David Austin	Chief Executive
Murray Perkins	Director of Policy
Craig Lapper (minutes)	Head of Compliance
Amelia Erratt	Head of Age-verification (for items 6 and 7)
Matthew Tindall	Age-verification Officer (for items 6 and 7)
Stephen Bailey	NCC Group (for items 6 and 7)

Apologies

- 1 There were no apologies.

Minutes of the previous meeting

- 2 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Matters arising

- 3 There were no matters arising.

Classification Issues

- 4 Mr Lapper presented a draft policy on the BBFC's approach to classifying depictions of sexual violence and other forms of sexually abusive behaviour. The new policy is separate from the existing policy on compulsory intervention and instead sets out a series of aggravating and mitigating factors to assist Compliance Officers in making classification recommendations on the category boundaries at PG/12(A), 12(A)/15 and 15/18. The policy seeks to reflect both existing practice and recent changes made in the new Classification Guidelines.
- 5 The meeting generally endorsed the document, in terms of accurately setting out the relevant category boundaries, but requested a further tightening of definitions, particularly the definition of the term 'sexual violence'.

ACTION: Mr Lapper to circulate revised definitions for final BoC approval.

Digital Economy Act

- 6 Ms Erratt, Mr Tindall and Mr Bailey joined the meeting to provide an update about progress on the voluntary Age-verification Certificate scheme.
- 7 The meeting also discussed the information that will be published on the Age-verification Regulator website after implementation.

AOB

- 8 There was no other business.

Date of next meeting: 30 April 2019