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SUBJECT:	CLASSIFICATION OF FILM : "PEACEMAKERS"
SUMMARY: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A request has been received to classify 'Peacemakers', a film that has not been classified by the BBFC. The film records a conversation between Jeremy Gilley and Prem Rawat talking about peace, lasting approximately 60 minutes2. The Council has the overriding right to classify films shown in licensed premises.3. The Licensing Committee agreed at its meeting on 16 September 2010 that the consideration of film classification requests should be determined by the Licensing Committee in accordance with the procedure as set out in Annex 1.	
RECOMMENDATION: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To note that the relevant licensing objectives must be taken into account when determining the classification of the film.2. To view 'Peacemakers ' and to then classify it in accordance with the latest BBFC Guidance.	

STATUTORY POWERS

1. Section 20 of the Licensing Act 2003 requires a premises licence which authorises the exhibition of films to include a condition restricting the admission of children. Where the licensing authority has notified the licensing holder that this applies to the film in question, the admission of children must be restricted in accordance with any recommendation made by that authority. Regulations have been made under Section 183 of the Act which prescribe the procedures to be followed .

2. The Licensing Committee of Thursday 16th September 2010 agreed that the consideration of film classification requests be determined by the Licensing Committee in accordance with the procedure as set out in Annex 1.

3. The procedure for classifying films is that a report containing a synopsis of the film and other relevant information will be submitted to the Licensing Committee.

4. The Licensing Committee will view the entire film, assess it against the latest BBFC Guidance, and issue the appropriate classification. When considering classification requests, the Sub-Committee must do so with a view to promoting the relevant licensing objective(s). In terms of film exhibitions, clearly the most relevant licensing objective is the protection of children from harm. There may, however, be instances where there could be a case for relying on the prevention of crime and disorder objective, although evidence would have to be produced that a particular film would lead to crime and disorder.

FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION

5. A request has been received to classify a film 'Peacemakers', a film that has not been classified by the BBFC. The film records a conversation between Jeremy Gilley and Prem Rawat talking about peace.

6. An undertaking has been received from the party requesting the classification that they are satisfied after proper enquiry that nothing in the film to be exhibited contravenes the current interpretation of the Obscene Publications Acts 1959, and 1964 the Copyright Design and Patents Act 1988 or any other relevant legislation and has not been created through the commission of a criminal offence.

7. It is hoped that once classified, the film will be shown at the screen in Reigate.

8. The synopsis of the film is

'Peacemakers' records a conversation between Jeremy Gilley and Prem Rawat talking about peace. It lasts approximately 60 minutes, and explores the fundamental nature of humanity and the issue of peace following Jeremy Gilley's campaign to establish an annual day of ceasefire and non-violence.

Jeremy Gilley founded Peace One Day In 1999, a non-profit organisation, and in 2001 Peace One Day's efforts were rewarded when the member states of the United Nations unanimously adopted the first ever annual day of global ceasefire and non-violence on 21 September - Peace Day. Further information is available on the Peace One Day website, www.peaceoneday.org.

Prem Rawat is a respected international speaker. Presenting the importance of peace has been his life's work. Travelling extensively, he is regularly invited to speak in television interviews, at meetings and public events all over the world. He receives no income from his work and gifts his time. Further information is available on the Words of Peace Global website, www.wopg.org.

9. A copy of the latest BBFC Guidance is attached at Annex 2

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10. There are no legal implications arising from this report.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

11. No resource implications have been identified.

CONCLUSIONS

12. The party requesting the classification together with the premises licence/club premises certificate holders of all premises licensed for the exhibition of films will be notified of the Committee's decision in writing, which will include reasons for the decision.

Background Papers: None

Annex 1 Procedure for film classification
Annex 2 The latest BBFC Guidance