



Age Ratings You Trust

189th BBFC Board of Classification Meeting

Monday 13 March 2017

Present:

Patrick Swaffer	President
Alison Hastings	Vice President
Gerard Lemos (by telephone)	Vice President
David Austin	Chief Executive
Alexandra Evans (minutes)	Policy Director

Minutes of the previous meeting

1. The minutes were agreed.

Matters arising

2. There were no matters arising.

Update on the Digital Economy Bill

3. David Austin provided a briefing on the Digital Economy Bill.
4. The Report debate in the House of Lords is due to take place on Monday 20 March 2017.

Netflix

5. The BBFC welcomed representatives from Netflix who visited the BBFC in February to meet the team and to learn more about the classification process and the wider work of the BBFC. Mr Austin and Chief Operating Officer, Dave Barrett will visit Netflix's offices at the end of the month. The focus of these meetings is on continuing to develop the effectiveness – particularly for UK consumers - of the BBFC classifications on the Netflix platform.

Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP)

6. Alexandra Evans briefed the Board of Classification on the BBFC's discussions with CEOP about the Protection of Children Act 1978, the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 and the Coroners and Justice Act 2009. Given the BBFC's anticipated regulatory role under the Digital Economy Bill, the opportunity to consult with CEOP is welcomed.

AOB

7. Mr Austin updated the Presidents on recruitment. The BBFC has recruited three new Compliance Officers who will join the BBFC in May. Two new members of the Council of Management have been appointed. A new Finance Director is being recruited.

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday, 5 April 2017