



Age Ratings You Trust

## 207th BBFC Board of Classification Meeting

Wednesday 16 January 2018

### Present:

Patrick Swaffer	President
Kamlesh Patel	Vice President
Murphy Cobbing	Vice President
David Austin	Chief Executive

### Apologies

- 1 Murray Perkins (Policy Director), Craig Lapper (Head of Compliance)

### Minutes of the previous meeting

- 2 The minutes were agreed.

### Matters arising

- 3 There were no matters arising.

### Classification Issues

- 4 There was a viewing of *Lords of Chaos* (2018), a film about the Norwegian black metal band, Mayhem, inspired by the late 1990s book, *Lords of Chaos: The Bloody Rise of the Satanic Metal Underground*. The film includes a drawn out suicide scene in which a young man cuts his wrists and then slashes his throat, before shooting himself in the head. Despite bloody detail the scene is not glamorised, on the contrary, it reflects his nihilistic and 'satanic' views and the harm they bring. There are also scenes of strong bloody violence, including a homophobic attack. Although it is detailed, sadistic and aggravated by the discriminatory motivation, it too reflects on the negative character of the band member carrying out the crime and is in no way glamorised. The same is true of a later murder. It is expected that the film will attract some controversy, as it has done elsewhere. But the stronger moments individually, and the film taken as a whole, is agreed at 18 for the strong bloody violence, gore, and the scene of suicide.

### AOB

- 5 There was no other business.

**Date of next meeting: 26 February 2019**