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Motherwell, 20 May 1997 at 9.30 am.

A Special Meeting of the  
GENERAL PURPOSES (LICENSING) SUB-COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Craig, Convener; Councillors Barrie, E. Burns, Chadha, Leitch, J. Martin and Shaw.

CHAIR

Councillor Craig (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer, Head of Legal Services, Chief Solicitor (Licensing) and Senior Solicitor (Licensing) and Road Safety Manager, Department of Planning and Development.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Sergeant Jamieson and N. Slammin, 'P' Division and Superintendent Keegan and Sergeant Coogans 'N' Division, Strathclyde Police.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Combe, Cox, H. McGuigan, Ross and Wilson.

LICENSING UNDER CINEMAS ACT 1985 - "CRASH"

1. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of this

Sub-Committee held on 8 May 1997, there was submitted documentation dated 8 May 1997 received from Columbia Tristar Films UK containing background information about the film "Crash".

Thereafter the Sub-Committee previewed the film "Crash" at the Showcase Cinema, Baillieston.

The Sub-Committee, on re-convening in the Civic Centre, Motherwell, heard the Head of Legal Services that, in terms of the Cinemas Act 1985, the Council, as the Licensing Authority, could give notice in writing to the Licensee of premises prohibiting the exhibition of a film on the grounds that it contains matter which, if exhibited, would offend against good taste or decency or would be likely to encourage or incite to crime or lead to disorder or be offensive to public feeling.

Decided:that the Head of Legal Services be authorised to write to all Licensees holding Cinema Licences within the North Lanarkshire area prohibiting the exhibition of the film "Crash", on the grounds that it contains matter which, if exhibited, would offend against good taste or decency and would be likely to encourage or incite to crime and lead to disorder and would be offensive to public feeling.