

**LICENSING COMMITTEE**  
**23RD JULY 2019**

PRESENT: The Chair (Councillor Lowe)  
The Vice Chair (Councillor Forrest)  
Councillors Capleton, Murphy, Parton, Popley,  
Ranson, Savage and Ward

Head of Regulatory Services  
Head of Strategic Support  
Democratic Services Officer (NA)  
Health & Safety and Business Engagement  
Manager

APOLOGIES: Councillor Pacey, Howe and Paling

The Chair stated that the meeting would be recorded and the sound recording subsequently made available via the Council's website. He also advised that, under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, other people may film, record, tweet or blog from this meeting, and the use of any such images or sound recordings was not under the Council's control.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7th August 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS

No disclosures were made.

3. QUESTIONS UNDER OTHER COMMITTEE PROCEDURES 12.8

No questions had been submitted.

4. ADOPTION OF MODEL BYELAWS TO REGULATE THE HYGIENE AND PRACTICE STANDARDS IN PREMISES CONDUCTING COSMETIC PIERCING, SEMI-PERMANENT SKIN COLOURING, ACUPUNCTURE, TATTOOING AND ELECTROLYSIS

A report of the Head of Regulatory Services was submitted to consider the adoption of model byelaws to regulate the hygiene and practise standards in premises conducting cosmetic piercing, semi-permanent skin colouring, acupuncture, tattooing and electrolysis.

In summary the Committee discussed:

- (i) The use of Botox was advised to be classed as a medical procedure, the administration of which was controlled by the General Medical Council.
- (ii) Henna tattoos were highlighted as a potential risk due to their lead contents. The Committee was advised that the tattoos would be classed as semi-permanent make up due to the long lasting duration. Anyone operating a business, using a premises would need to adhere to the new byelaws. There would be henna tattooists at the Loughborough Mela and the committee was advised that the event organisers would be made aware of the new byelaws to inform their stall holders.
- (iii) A hygiene rating scheme had been introduced to help improve standards relating to tattooing and was thought to be working well. This worked in conjunction with Health and Safety legislation relating to any issues with the premises.
- (iv) The committee was advised that local businesses who would be affected had been consulted prior to the report being brought forward and if the new byelaws were adopted the businesses would be given a notice of intention to inform them that the byelaws will be submitted to the Secretary of State for Health for confirmation along with any objections received.
- (v) There was a current fee of £130 as a one-off charge businesses paid to undertake skin piercing activities. This would continue along with the introduction of the new byelaws.

## **RESOLVED**

1. To recommend to Full Council the adoption of the byelaws outlined in Appendix 1 to this report;
2. Subject to recommendation 1, to recommend to Full Council that the Head of Regulatory Services be given delegated authority to take all such steps as may be necessary to make, seal, advertise and obtain confirmation, under S.235 of the Local Government Act 1972, of the byelaws from the Secretary of State for Health, so as to bring them into effect;
3. To recommend to Full Council, that, subject to the confirmation of the byelaws referred to in recommendation 2 above, the existing byelaws relating to ear piercing, acupuncture, tattooing and electrolysis in the Borough of Charnwood, made by the Council on 7th March 1984 and confirmed by the Secretary of State for Health, be revoked;
4. To recommend to Full Council, that the Head of Regulatory Services be given delegated authority to introduce a fee in line with our current fee for skin piercing activities and in line with the Council's fees and charging policy.

## Reasons

1. To ensure that, businesses undertaking cosmetic piercing and semi-permanent skin colouring are registered under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 and appropriate controls are in place to protect public health and prevent the spread of blood-borne viruses such as HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C and other infections.
2. To enable appropriate steps to be taken to introduce the byelaws.
3. To enable the revocation of the existing byelaws, subject to the introduction of the proposed new update byelaws.
4. To enable an appropriate fee to be charged for the Registration of relevant individuals and businesses.

NOTES:

1. No reference may be made to these minutes at the Council meeting on 2nd September 2019 unless notice to that effect is given to the Democratic Services Manager by five members of the Council by noon on the fifth working day following publication of these minutes.
2. These minutes are subject to confirmation as a correct record at the next meeting of the Licensing Committee.