



Minutes of the meeting of the **General Licensing Committee** held in Committee Rooms, East Pallant House on Wednesday 8 June 2022 at 9.30 am

Members Present: Mr G McAra (Chairman), Mr A Moss (Vice-Chairman), Miss H Barrie, Mr J Elliott, Mr A Sutton and Mrs S Taylor

Members not present: Mrs T Bangert, Mr G Evans, Mr C Page and Mr H Potter

In attendance by invitation:

Officers present: Ms A Appleton (Senior Environmental Health Officer), Ms G Di Lauro (Litigation and Licensing Lawyer) and Mrs L Dyer (Health Protection Manager)

56 **Chair's Announcements**

Apologies were received from Cllr Bangert, Cllr Evans, Cllr Page and Cllr Potter.

57 **Minutes**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2021 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

58 **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

59 **Declarations of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

60 **Public Question Time**

There were no public questions.

61 **Review of Skin Piercers Registration Policy, Fees and Charges**

Mrs Dyer introduced the report. She informed the Committee that the current registration charge was for a single fee of £87 covering both premises and practitioners. However, this is not compliant with legislation that requires both premises and practitioners to be registered separately.

Mrs Dyer drew the Committee's attention to the proposed charges as set out in section 5 of the report.

Officers responded to Members' questions and comments as follows;

In response to a question from Cllr Barrie; Mrs Dyer informed the Committee all skin piercers currently registered with the Council had been informed of the proposed changes to fees and charges from 1 July 2022. Those already registered with the Council would be given until 1 September 2022 to renew their registration at no extra charge. All new registrations would take effect from 1 July 2022.

In a response to a question from Cllr Moss; Mrs Dyer confirmed that both premises and practitioner must be registered. Any person working at a registered premises must hold their own practitioner licence. A person with a practitioner's licence can work at different premises within the District as long as the premises is also registered.

In response to a question from Cllr Moss; Mrs Dyer informed the Committee that the charges were comparable with other authorities and gave some examples. She explained that Chichester was higher than some authorities as it was big district and travel allowance had been considered when the fees were structured.

In response to a question from Cllr Moss; Mrs Dyer informed the Committee that checks for tattooists, piercers and acupuncturists were included within the team service plan and rotated on yearly basis. However, if a complaint is made regarding a practitioner or premises the Environmental Health Officers and Technicians would investigate straight away. Mrs Dyer explained that a registration can not be refused, however, once registered the applicant or premises are issued with a number of by-laws; should they fail to comply then (following investigation) notices can be served on them.

In response to a question from Cllr Taylor; Mrs Dyer explained that when spot checks were carried out, they were done so without prior notification; unless the premises was a domestic property and then a notice period of 24 hours was required.

In response to a question from Cllr McAra; Mrs Dyer informed the Committee that there was no cross boundary working, a practitioner registered in a neighbouring authority would not be able to operate within Chichester District.

On the advice of Ms Di Lauro; Mrs Dyer provided the Committee with further details of the powers available under the Health and Safety Act to the Council.

In a vote the Committee agreed the following resolution:

That the General Licensing Committee approves the revised skin piercers policy, fees and charges.

62 **Consideration of any late items as follows:**

There were no late items.

63 **Exclusion of the press and public**

There was no requirement to exclude the press and the public.

The meeting ended at 9.44 am

CHAIRMAN

Date: