

FEES AND CHARGES – SKIN PIERCING

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report seek Committee approval for revised fees and charges for skin piercing registration functions provided by the Environmental Health & Housing Service, to come into effect on 1st April 2017.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 provides for the registration of skin piercing activities including acupuncture, tattooing, ear-piercing and electrolysis. The Act also advises that a local authority may charge such reasonable fees as they may determine for registration under this section.
- 2.2 The Local Authority (Functions & Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 place responsibility for the determination of fees and charges for such matters on the Licensing & General Purposes Committee. A report considering the wider approach to the Council's fees and charges was put to Cabinet on the 15th November 2016 with a recommendation that such fees be uplifted with an implementation of 1st April 2017.

3.0 PROPOSAL

- 3.1 The fees for these registration services were last reviewed in January 2011 and were set at £125 to register a business premises and £92 per person. Following a review of the work required to deliver the registration activity, and based on the principle of full cost recovery (effectively delivering the requirement to set a "reasonable fee") for the services provided it is proposed that:

- The fee for the registration of the premises be set at £160
- The fee per person be set at £90

with effect from 1st April 2017.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 Members are recommended to approve the revised fees for skin piercing registration as set out in this report, to take effect on 1 April 2017.

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