

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

17 June 2014

Report of the Director of Central Services

Part 1- Public

Matters for Recommendation to Council

1 ADOPTION OF BYELAWS TO REGULATE ACUPUNCTURE, TATTOOING, SEMI-PERMANENT SKIN COLOURING, COSMETIC PIERCING AND ELECTROLYSIS

1.1 Purpose of report

- 1.1.1 Members will recall that at the meeting of the Licensing and Appeals Committee on 19 March 2014 it was recommended that the Council passes a resolution to adopt a new single consolidated set of byelaws, produced by the Department of Health, to regulate acupuncture, tattooing, semi-permanent skin-colouring, cosmetic piercing and electrolysis. A copy of the report is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.1.2 The resolution was adopted by Council at its meeting on 8 April 2014.
- 1.1.3 Whilst the resolution made reference to adopting model byelaws for the regulation of skin piercing activity in accordance with section 15 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, as amended by section 120 of the Local Government Act 2003, which provides for tattooing, semi-permanent skin-colouring, cosmetic piercing and electrolysis, acupuncture is dealt with under section 14 of the Act. It will therefore be necessary to recommend that the Council passes a new resolution so that the byelaws also include acupuncture.

1.2 Recommendations

- 1.2.1 Members are asked to recommend to Council that
- (a) the Council passes a resolution to adopt model byelaws (attached as Appendix 2) for the regulation of acupuncture, tattooing, semi-permanent skin colouring, cosmetic piercing and electrolysis in accordance with sections 14 and 15 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended by section 120 of the Local Government Act 2003 and to authorise the Director of Central Services to apply to the Secretary of State for confirmation and

(b) the relevant registration requirements shall come into effect from the date on which the byelaws referred to above are confirmed by the Secretary of State and the current byelaws revoked.

Background papers:

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Appendix 1 –Report to Licensing and Appeals
Committee on 19 March 2014

Appendix 2 - Model byelaws

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Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	N/A	
c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		

In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above.