

CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL	Non-Statutory Licensing Committee 10 July 2019
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Report title	Addition to Fees and Charges for Acupuncture, Tattooing, Electrolysis, Semi-Permanent Skin Colouring and Cosmetic Piercing 2019 - 2020	
Wards affected	All wards	
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Recommendation for decision:

The Non-Statutory Licensing Committee is recommended to:

1. Approve the proposed fees and charges as set out in Table 1 with immediate effect.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To submit for consideration proposed fees and charges for 2019-2020 in relation to Acupuncture, Electrolysis, Tattooing, Semi-Permanent Skin Colouring and Cosmetic Piercing.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 This report is submitted to propose an additional new charge in order to regulate large-scale tattooing events in Wolverhampton. These types of event regularly host approximately 180 visiting Tattoo Artists into the district to work over a period of 2-3 days. The standard fees for these functions have also been revised.
- 2.2 This event and fee amendment has been delayed following a complex investigation and legal process focussing on safe practices which has recently concluded in this field.
- 2.3 The Council is empowered under statute to levy fees for the issue of local licences, registrations and permits. This registration is subject to locally set fees in order to offer a full cost-recovery of the service provided.
- 2.4 The Council policy is to review its fees on an annual basis and introduce increases or decreases in line with the cost of providing the service.

3.0 Proposed Fees and Charges

- 3.1 Over recent years the number of applications received has increased from approximately 15 to more than 50 per annum currently. The nature of procedures undertaken and the technology used has also changed. The level of potential risk to the public has increased significantly. All premises and practitioners are subject to an inspection as part of the registration process. The registration scheme contains provision for removal of and ban from future registration.
- 3.2 It should be noted that the historic fees combined registration of premises and practitioners, these have now been separated. The proposed fees and charges are broken down into three parts; a fee for premises registration; a fee for practitioner registration and; a fee per temporary practitioner registration. The table below shows the proposed fees and charges calculated to cover the costs of processing, issue and inspection of registration and meet the requirements to reflect the true costs to the council of the registration scheme.

Table 1

Task	Fees and Charges	
	Existing	Proposed
Premises registration	£ 105.00	£ 201.00
Practitioner registration	£ 105.00	£ 271.00
Temporary practitioner registration	N/A	£ 47.00

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Should the Licensing Committee agree with the recommendations in this report it is anticipated that the proposed discretionary fees and charges in will ensure a cost neutral service.

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5.0 Legal implications

- 5.1 The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 allows adoption of provisions by a Local Authority relating to the regulation of acupuncture, tattooing, ear piercing and electrolysis.

Once adopted section 14 and 15 of the Act provide that a person shall not carry on the practice or business of acupuncture, tattooing, semi-permanent skin-colouring, cosmetic piercing or electrolysis unless they are registered by the local authority.

Further, a local authority may charge such reasonable fees as they may determine.

The function of fee setting is delegated to the Licensing Committee who may determine fees and charges.

- 5.2 Details of fees will be published in accordance with any requirements under law. [SH/0905/2019/A]

6.0 Equalities implications

- 6.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

7.0 Environmental implications

- 7.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

8.0 Human resources implications

- 8.1 There are no human resources implications arising directly from this report.

9.0 Corporate Landlord implications

- 9.1 There are no Corporate Landlord implications arising directly from this report.

10.0 Schedule of background papers

- 10.1 Review of Fees and Charges for General Licensing and Miscellaneous Matters for 2019 - 2020 – Licensing Committee 20 March 2019