

**3 REGULATION OF COSMETIC PIERCING AND SKIN-COLOURING  
BUSINESSES**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That Members recommend to Full Council that the new consolidated byelaws for cosmetic piercing, semi-permanent skin-colouring, acupuncture, ear-piercing, electrolysis and tattooing are made in accordance with the necessary procedures and to apply to the Secretary of State for confirmation of such byelaws and once confirmed, that the existing set of related byelaws are revoked.**

**Relationship to Council Objectives**

*Objective 1: Efficient and Effective Customer Focussed Services.*

*Objective 2B: Promote healthy living, well-being and address health inequalities.*

**Implications**

*(i) This matter is not a key decision.*

*(ii) Within the policy and budgetary framework.*

**Financial Implications**

*None*

**Risk Implications**

*By adopting the amended model licence conditions, improved safety of clients of skin piercing establishments is assured.*

**Equalities Implications**

*None*

**Sustainability Implications**

*None*

**Report**

- 1 Currently, Chiltern District Council has adopted the provisions of section 15 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 and has byelaws for the registration of businesses and persons who perform skin piercing, namely, tattooing, ear piercing, electrolysis and acupuncture. These were confirmed by the Secretary of State for Health on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1994 and came into effect on 31<sup>st</sup> January 1995.
- 2 New provisions of the Local Government Act 2003, which came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004, gave local authorities in England (outside London) and in Wales, new powers relating to persons carrying on businesses of cosmetic piercing (piercing of the body including the ear) and semi-permanent skin-colouring (including micro pigmentation, semi-permanent make-up and temporary tattooing).
- 3 At an Executive meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> June 2004, the Executive agreed to adopt new model byelaws in relation to semi-permanent skin colouring and cosmetic piercing. These supplemented existing separate model byelaws for acupuncture, ear-piercing, electrolysis and tattooing. However, since then in response to a growing demand, the Department of Health has produced a new consolidated set of model byelaws that can be used for one, several or all types of skin piercing/skin colouring currently regulated (Appendix 3). The Department of Health has also used this opportunity to update specific provisions to reflect current infection control advice and industry practice.
- 4 Therefore it is recommended that all existing byelaws in relation to semi-permanent skin colouring and cosmetic piercing, acupuncture, ear-piercing, electrolysis and tattooing are revoked and replaced by the consolidated set of byelaws as in ***Appendix 3***.

***Background Papers: None***

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