

## The Highland Licensing Committee

Meeting – 12 August 2014

Agenda Item	7
Report No	HLC-048-14

### Licensing of Skin Piercing and Tattooing – Fee for Additional Premises

Report by the Legal Manager

#### Summary

This Report relates to the licensing of skin piercing and tattooing.

#### 1.0 Background

- 1.1 In 2006 the licensing of skin piercing and tattooing was introduced as a mandatory activity under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.
- 1.2 From 1 April 2006 a licence was required for carrying on a business which provides skin piercing and/or tattooing.
- 1.3 There are certain exemptions from the requirement to be licensed, including registered medical practitioners carrying on this activity within hospitals or independent clinics.
- 1.4 In a small number of cases one operator may have two or more premises from which the activity is carried out and therefore would require a separate licence for each premises.

#### 2.0 Other Licence Types with Multiple Premises

- 2.1 The Council's current fee structure allows for a reduced fee to be applied where a licence holder has a number of separate premises from which they operate. Examples of this include second hand vehicle dealers and market operators.

#### 3.0 Fee for Additional Premises

- 3.1 The Committee is invited to consider introducing a lower fee for applications for additional premises for skin piercing and tattooing where the applicant has applied, or already holds a licence, for a premise and has paid the full application fee.

It is suggested that the fee for additional premises be set at £109 which is the fee charged in respect of the additional premises for the licence types detailed in paragraph 2.1 above.

#### **4.0 Recommendation**

- 4.1** Members are invited to give consideration to the introduction of an application fee of £109 in respect of each additional premise application for licence for skin piercing and tattooing where the applicant has applied for, or already holds a licence, and has paid the full application fee in respect of this.

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