

Medway Council
Meeting of Licensing and Safety Committee
Tuesday, 5 August 2025
6.02pm to 6.06pm

Record of the meeting

Subject to approval as an accurate record at the next meeting of this committee

- Present:** Councillors: McDonald (Chairperson), Browne (Vice-Chairperson), Fearn, Filmer and Peake
- Substitute:** Councillor:
Mark Prenter (for Howcroft-Scott)
- In Attendance:** David Brown, Food and Safety Team Leader
Laura Caiels, Assistant Head of Legal Services (Place)
Nicola Couchman, Democratic Services Officer
Ian Gilmore, Head of Regulatory and Environmental Services

185 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brake, Howcroft-Scott, Kemp, Nestorova and Sands.

186 Record of meeting

The record of the meeting held on 16 June 2025 was agreed and signed by the Chairperson.

187 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances

There were none.

188 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests

Disclosable pecuniary interests

There were none.

Other significant interests (OSIs)

There were none.

Other interests

There were none.

189 Adoption of updated byelaws to regulate acupuncture, tattooing, electrolysis, semi permanent skin colouring, cosmetic and ear piercing

Discussion:

Officers informed the Committee that the proposed new Byelaws were model Byelaws produced by the Department of Health and it was proposed that they replaced Byelaws adopted in 1988. Local Authorities can devise their own Byelaws, however this would require approval by the Secretary of State and adopting the model Byelaws would not have a significant impact on premises already registered or those that would be registered in future.

Officers confirmed that if adopted the Byelaws would apply to the whole of Medway.

Decision:

- a) The Committee noted the consolidated model Byelaws to regulate acupuncture, tattooing, electrolysis, semi-permanent skin colouring, cosmetic and ear piercing.
- b) The Committee noted that Council would be requested to approve the adoption of the Byelaws, in line with many other local authorities, on 16 October 2025.
- c) The Committee noted that if the new Byelaws were adopted, Council would be requested to revoke the Byelaws currently in force, namely: 'Byelaws relating to ear piercing and electrolysis' and 'Byelaws relating to tattooing', made by the City of Rochester Upon Medway, under section 15 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

Chairperson

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