

CABINET REFERRALS

30 January 2018

7.1 CA/016/18 Regulation of cosmetic body piercing and skin colouring

Decision

Resolved to recommend:

1. To apply sections 14 to 17 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, as amended by section 120 of the Local Government Act 2003, throughout the Borough of Dacorum, so as to require persons carrying on the practice of acupuncture; or the business of tattooing, semi-permanent skin colouring, cosmetic piercing or electrolysis to be registered with the authority; and
2. To make byelaws under section 14(7) and 15(7) of the 1982 Act in connection with such registered persons and premises, to replace and update existing byelaws in respect of acupuncture; tattooing; and ear piercing and electrolysis.

Reason for decision

To adopt extended statutory controls for the regulation of all forms of cosmetic skin piercing, and of semi-permanent skin colouring; and

To update byelaws governing the conduct of all piercing, tattooing, acupuncture and electrolysis treatments.

Corporate objectives

Safe and Clean Environment: Maintain a clean and safe environment

Monitoring Officer/S.151 Officer comments

Monitoring Officer:

The proposed byelaws will ensure that appropriate standards are imposed on those carrying out the regulated activities which will be to the benefit of those providing the services and users of the services.

S.151 Officer

The costs associated with the implementation of this decision can be covered from within existing budgetary provision.

Advice

Councillor Marshall introduced the item and gave some background information on the introduction of these regulations.

Councillor Griffiths queried if dental surgeries that carried out cosmetic procedures fell under different regulations. Councillor Marshall advised that the regulations excluded medical

practices. Councillor Griffiths said she supported the regulations but would be interested to know how dental surgeries were regulated for the cosmetic procedures.

Councillor Elliot asked how many premises there were in Dacorum. Councillor Marshall advised that the figures as of last year were: 40 premises regulated – 18 for acupuncture, 13 for ear piercing, 9 for electrolysis and 13 for tattooing.

Councillor Elliot asked if we had the resources to enforce these regulations. M Brookes said the resources were limited but yes we did.

Councillor Birnie queried if the national standards included the level of charges and fines. Councillor Williams advised that we set our own fees but we can't make profit from them.

Voting

None.

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7.2 CA/018/18 Use of right to buy one for one replacement funding

Decision

Resolved to recommend:

That Council approve supplementary Capital budgets funded by "one for one" receipts for the Affordable Housing Development fund as follows:

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| 2017/18 | £3,375,000 |
| 2018/19 | £4,870,000 |
| 2019/20 | £1,629,000 |
| 2020/21 | £625,000 |
| 2021/22 | £42,000 |

Reason for decision

To seek approval for the payment of "one for one" grant funding to Housing Associations (Registered Providers) delivering affordable housing schemes in the Borough.

Corporate objectives

Delivering Affordable Housing.

Monitoring Officer/S.151 Officer comments

Deputy Monitoring Officer:

Under the scheme introduced in 2012 investment in new affordable housing can be made by the Council itself or through grant funding registered providers.

This decision proposes the funding of several developments by Hightown Housing Association and Thrive Homes.

Officers should ensure that each grant going forward is covered by the grant agreement (referred to in para 7 below) to ensure that the Council's position is protected and enable it to meet audit requirements.

Deputy S.151 Officer

These grant payments can be met from 1-4-1 receipts.

Advice

M Gaynor and E Brooks provided some background information on the item.

Councillor Williams felt that the 3 year window wasn't very long. E Brooks advised that the 3 years was for us to spend the money. He said the risk would be passed on to the Housing Association if they didn't spend the money in time.

M Gaynor said they could give the money back to the Government if it wasn't being spent.

Councillor Birnie asked how much money had been given back so far. E Brooks advised none.

Councillor Birnie asked if one scheme failed, could they give the money to another. E Brooks advised they could, however that wasn't high on the agenda.

D Barrett said there were a number of agreements currently running, with a possibility of one not being delivered on time. He said it would be down to the Housing Association to pay the fines if there's a delay on the scheme. M Gaynor said the agreement in place protects the council.

Councillor Douris asked if there were robust monitoring arrangements in place. E Brooks advised they had a spreadsheet set up to monitor when RSL's sign up and complete forms, and also updates on the schemes. M Gaynor said finance arrangements were in place to monitor spend and commitments.

Voting

None.