



Report of: Assistant Director of Environment and Regeneration (Public Protection)

Meeting of	Date	Agenda Item	Ward(s)
Licensing Regulatory Committee	8 May 2007	B2	All

Subject: FEES AND CHARGES FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT PREMISES

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This report sets out the proposed fees to be introduced for premises licensed under the provisions of the London Local Authorities Acts 1991 and 2000, with effect from 1 June 2007.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 To adopt the fees scale as set out in Appendix A, with effect from 1 June 2007.

3. Background

- 3.1 Under the provisions of the London Local Authorities Act 1991, the Council is able to set special treatment premises licence application fees. Special treatments include massage, skin piercing, tattooing and certain beauty treatments. The Council also operates a registered therapist scheme, which allows the Council to ensure these premises operate safely and that the therapists employed are qualified to an appropriate level to deliver the treatment.
- 3.2 The licence/application fees recouped finance the cost of administering the licensing regime, including monitoring standards, practices and qualifications. The fees have remained at current levels since 2005. However, the Council now needs to increase them by a figure of 3% in order to reflect service costs. In order to ensure that licensing does not prove to be a disproportionate cost to a business, the level of fee is linked to scale of operation.
- 3.4 The proposed schedule of fees is set out in Appendix A.

4. Implications

- 4.1 **Financial implications:** The proposed increase, outlined in this report for special treatment premises, is expected to generate a total of £40,000 in 2007-08.

The purpose of a 3% rise in licence fees for special treatment premises is primarily to offset the inflationary factor applied to the cost of employees. The fees and the costs of providing this service are shown within the Public Protection Licensing budget and are expected to balance in 2007-08.

4.2 **Legal Implications:**

The London Local Authorities Act 1991 provides that an applicant for the grant, renewal or transfer of a licence shall pay a reasonable fee determined by the Council. The proposed fees are reasonable as they have been set to cover the costs of the service and the level of fee will be linked to the scale of operation.

4.3 **Equalities Implications**

The regulation of these premises ensures that all sectors of the community can benefit from safe treatments. Many of the premises licensed under these provisions are small businesses and our approach to fee scales ensures that costs are not prohibitive to them

5. **Conclusion and reason for recommendation**

5.1 The regulation of these premises is undertaken to ensure that they provide a safe treatment to clients. The fees are kept under review and only increased when there is a justifiable increase in service provision.

Final report clearance:

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Subject: LONDON LOCAL AUTHORITIES ACTS 1991 AND 2000

Licence Type	Current Fee	Fee as of 01 June 2007
New or renewal of licence where the treatment is the main business or more than one treatment is provided.	£585	£605
New or renewal where one treatment ancillary to the main business is provided.	£275	£285
Additional fee per therapist where more than 2 are employed at the premises.	£11	£12
Transfer or variation of licence.	£175	£180
<i>Therapist registration fee for occasional events.</i>	£50	£50

NB. There is no charge for registration of therapists. The new and renewal licence application fees include up to two therapists.