

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	Decision to introduce a Tattooing, Body Piercing and Skins Policy
Date of decision:	19 th January 2024
Decision maker:	Roger Allonby Service Director, Economy and Growth
Authority for delegated decision:	Directorate scheme of delegation: updated 13/10/2023 Directorate: Economy and Environment Item 70
Ward:	Countywide
Consultation:	Consultation with service manager, and cabinet member Cllr Durkin
Decision made:	To introduce the new policy with immediate effect
Reasons for decision:	To protect members of the public whilst they undertake skin piercing, and provide clear information to businesses who are licensed to carry out these practices. This policy does not change the existing requirements for these licensable activities, it merely brings all the information together in one place.
Equality Considerations	This decision does not discriminate, harass or victimize nor encourage conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010. It also does not unfairly impact upon anyone with a relevant protected characteristic nor hinder relations between persons sharing such a characteristic.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	There is little risk associated with this decision as the purpose of the policy is to protect the public. Whilst policy, the option still exists for the Council to step outside its policy, if they wish to do so.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	There is the option to leave the current system as it is, which does not fully assist business and ultimately does not protect the public as well as the introduction of this policy does.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	There are no declarations of interest.

Signed..... Date: 19/01/2024