

Agenda item	12.1
Report no	HLC/09/26

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: THE HIGHLAND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date: 13 January 2026

Report title: Application for the grant of a skin piercing and tattooing licence – Unit F, 68A High Street, Dingwall, IV15 9RY (Ward 8 – Dingwall and Seaforth)

Report by: The Principal Solicitor – Regulatory Services

1. Purpose/Executive summary

- 1.1** This report relates to the application for the grant of a skin piercing and tattooing licence.
This item is subject to a formal hearing procedure.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1** Members are asked to determine the application in accordance with the Council's hearings procedure.

3. Background

3.1 On 04 February 2025 an application for the grant of a skin piercing and tattooing licence was received from Kauan Santiago in respect of premises at Unit F, 68A High Street, Dingwall.

3.2 In terms of the abovementioned Act, the licensing authority has 12 months from receipt of the application to determine the same, therefore this application must be determined by 03 February 2026. Failure to determine the application by this time would result in the application being subject of a 'deemed grant' which means that a licence would require to be issued for a period of 1 year. The application is before this Committee as this is the last meeting before the determination date expires.

4. Process

4.1 Following receipt of the application a copy of the same was circulated to the following Agencies/Services for consultation:

- Police Scotland
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
- Environmental Health Service
- Building Standards
- Planning Service

5.2 Police Scotland and the Council's Planning Service have confirmed that they have no objection to the application being granted.

5.3 The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service will only respond to the consultation if lodging an objection or observation when consulted in respect of a skin piercing and tattooing licence and no response has been received.

5.4 The Council's Environmental Health Service had responded with several objections, with one still remaining unresolved. The remaining objection requires:

- Confirmation that the treatment room is fitted with a means of natural or mechanical ventilation.

5.5 The Council's Building Standards had objected on the basis that a building warrant was required for the fitout of the retail unit. Building Warrant application 25/01419/NDOM7 was submitted on 25 September 2025 and is currently pending consideration.

At the time of writing this report, Building Standards have confirmed there are still unresolved issues in relation to the ventilation system and general layout. The objection will not be removed until:

- A Completion Certificate for the Building Warrant has been issued.

7. Determining issues

7.1 Paragraph 5(3) of Schedule 1 of the Act states that a licensing authority may refuse an application to grant or renew a licence where:

(a) the applicant or anyone else detailed on the application is not a fit and proper person;

- (b) the activity would be carried out by a person other than the applicant who, if he had made the application himself, would have been refused;
- (c) where the licence applied for relates to an activity consisting of or including the use of premises or a vehicle or vessel, those premises are not or, as the case may be, that vehicle or vessel is not suitable or convenient for the conduct of the activity having regard to

- (i) the location, character or condition of premises or the character or condition of the vehicle or vessel,
- (ii) the nature and extent of the proposed activity,
- (iii) the kind of persons likely to be in the premises, vehicle or vessel,
- (iv) the possibility of undue public nuisance, or
- (v) public order or public safety; or

- (d) there is other good reason for refusing the application.

7.2 If required the Principal Solicitor – Regulatory Services will offer particular advice on the criteria relating to this particular application.

7.3 A copy of this report has been sent to the applicant, Building Standards and Environmental Health who have been invited to attend and will be provided with an opportunity to be heard by the Committee. They have also been advised of the procedure which will be followed at the meeting.

8. Policies

8.1 The following policies are relevant to this case:

Standard skin piercing and tattooing licence conditions. A copy of these can accessed at [Apply for a licence - Skin piercing and tattooing | The Highland Council](#) or a hard copy can be supplied where requested.

9. Implications

9.1 Not applicable.

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