

Agenda item	<b>9.1</b>
Report no	<b>HLC/77/26</b>

**THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL**

**Committee: THE HIGHLAND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Date: 23 June 2026**

**Report title: Application for the grant of a skin piercing and tattooing licence – Lena Fraser, IV Twelve, 65 High Street, Nairn (Ward 18 – Nairn and Cawdor)**

**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** The Highland Council has resolved that in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (the "Act") a licence will be required for carrying out the activity of skin piercing and tattooing.

### **4. Application**

**4.1** On 25 June 2025 an application for the grant of a skin piercing and tattooing licence was received from Lena Fraser in respect of premises at IV Twelve, 65 High Street, Nairn.

**4.2** 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 24 June 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.

### **5. Process**

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

- Police Scotland
- Fire Scotland
- Environmental Health Service
- Building Standards

**5.2** Police Scotland, Fire Service and the Council's Building Standards Service have confirmed that they have no objection to the application being granted.

**5.3** The Council's Environmental Health Service have advised that they are awaiting a response to their comments/works required on the application (see Appendix 1 attached) before they are able to sign it off.

### **6. Update from applicant**

**6.1** On 21 May 2026 the applicant emailed the Licensing Department to advise that she has a 3 month extension for her practical training to be completed from 1 May 2026.

### **7. Determining issues**

**7.1** Paragraph 5(3) of Schedule 1 of the Act states that a licensing authority shall 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 and who has 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 [Skin piercing and tattooing - Apply for a licence - Highland Council](#) or a hard copy can be supplied where requested.

## **9. Implications**

**9.1** Not applicable.

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Appendix 1 – Environmental Health comments/works required

No.	Condition	Comments/works required
1	The Licence holder shall ensure that written information is provided to each client explaining the appropriate aftercare requirements for the skin piercing or tattooing provided. This must include the contact details of the operator.	It is noted that you provide written aftercare to your clients, however it did not include your contact details.  Therefor you must ensure that your contact details are include with your aftercare information.
2	The Licence holder shall ensure that every operator is capable of demonstrating that they have sufficient knowledge, skill, training and experience commensurate with the skin piercing or tattooing activities they carry out. The Licence holder shall retain a record of the information provided.	It is understood that you have undertaken training with Browjam, however you have not completed the practical element of the training i.e. undertake any cases studies.  Therefore, you must complete your practical training and submit your case studies to your trainer for assessment and approved.  Thereafter provide confirmation from the trainer that you have successfully completed all the practical training.
3	The Licence holder shall ensure all operators hold a current first aid certificate to foundation (1-Day) level.	You must provide confirmation that you hold a current first aid certificate to foundation (1 day) level or equivalent.
	The Licence holders shall ensure that they display notices in the waiting area of the premises:- a. advising that skin piercing and tattooing will not be carried out on any person under the influence of alcohol or drugs; b. advising that skin piercing will not be carried out on any child under the age of 16 unless accompanied by a person who has parental rights and responsibilities in respect of that child and who has also given their consent in writing to the skin piercing; and c. advising that tattooing will not be carried out on any person under the age of 18. d. listing the names of licensed and authorised operators. e. advising of the risks associated with skin piercing and/or tattooing.	You must display notices in the waiting advising the following 1. The name of the licence operators and a photograph so they can be easily identified 2. The risks associated with microblading 3. That microblading will not be carried out on anyone under the influence of alcohol or drugs