

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 12
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MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Motion from Councillor Hogg

Council notes that:

Businesses in Wales and Northern Ireland are legally required to display their ratings in a prominent place, such as the front door, entrance or window of the premises. Display became mandatory in Wales in November 2013 and in Northern Ireland in October 2016. In England businesses are encouraged but not required by law to display their rating.

England continues to lag behind Wales and Northern Ireland in terms of display rates, Compulsory display would likely have a big impact upon display rates in England, as seen in Northern Ireland and Wales.

An independent report commissioned in 2017 found that rates of display of stickers visible from outside the premises were:

- 49% in England
- 84% in Wales
- 82% in Northern Ireland

In Northern Ireland, there has been a significant increase in the proportion of establishments that are displaying their rating so that is visible from the outside (82% compared to 48% in 2016). In Wales, there has also been a significant increase in outside display of ratings (84% compared to 68% in 2016).

In England, businesses with a higher rating continue to be more likely to display than those with a lower rating. Over two-thirds (67%) of those with a rating of 5 are displaying their rating compared to 28% of those that have a rating of 0-3. These proportions are in line with those seen in 2016.

Council aspires to

Increasing the visibility of hygiene so that consumers have this information available to them at the point of supply so they can make an informed choice as to which businesses to use. Encourage food establishments to invest in gaining good hygiene ratings on a consistent basis

Council resolves to

Ask the Licencing Committee to make changes to the licences for:

- Those premises that require a late-night refreshment licence, to display their hygiene rating in a prominent place, such as the front door, entrance or window.
- Vendors requiring a Street Vendor Licence or an Ice Cream Van Licence, to display their hygiene rating in prominent view of customers.

Ask the Adults and Health scrutiny committee to look for a legal instrument, e.g. a local bylaw, for other food premises to be mandated to display their hygiene rating in a prominent place, such as the front door, entrance or window.

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