

**Warrington Borough Council**

**Scores On The Doors Policy**

**2007**

## **PURPOSE:**

To define the policy for the posting of food hygiene inspection rating information on the internet as a food hygiene star system (Scores on the Doors).

## **LEGISLATION**

Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Environmental Information Regulations 2004  
Article 3 of EC Regulation No 882/2004

## **REFERENCES**

Food Law Code of Practice Annex 5

## **DOCUMENTATION**

[www.scoresonthedoors.org.uk](http://www.scoresonthedoors.org.uk)

## **POLICY**

Whilst it is not a legal requirement either for Local Authorities or food proprietors to publicise the results of food hygiene inspections, there is perceived to be a public demand for this type of information under the Environmental Information Regulations the information is available to the public on request. Of the local authorities that have undertaken to provide such information, some have chosen to provide full details of their inspection reports, and others just provide a summary of the risk scores carried out in fulfilment of the requirements of Annex 5 of the Food Law Code of Practice. The Food Team are to implement a risk score based system. The individual scores and star rating for each premises will be posted on an Internet web site.

### Details of the Scheme

1. The scheme will encompass registered food premises within the Council's area and will not be limited to catering premises.

2. The award scheme will be implemented on the 1 January 2007 for all premises falling within A – D rating with the last primary inspection (as defined by the Food Law Code of Practice and EC Regulation 882/2004) data for each business being entered (going back three years) in line with the inspection rating system in annex 5 of the Food Law Code of Practice. Three of the elements of the resulting food hygiene score will be combined to give a score for the star rating.
3. The star rating will be derived from the scores given for Food Hygiene, Structure of the Premises, Confidence in Management, and Significance of Risk.
4. The score bands for the star awards will be as follows:

Up to 5	5 Stars
10 to 15	4 Stars
20 to 25	3 Stars
30 to 35	2 Stars
40 to 45	1 Star
50 +	No Stars

5. This scoring will be only be carried out at the time of the primary inspection (as in 2 above) and this is the score that will be publicised on the Internet, No subsequent visits will be undertaken with a view to modifying the scores given, or re-scoring premises even if remedial works have been completed. The score will stand until the next primary inspection is carried out (for exceptions see 6).
6. Should an officer discover serious hygiene defects in a premises that previously scored well, the next primary inspection may be brought forward (as per Section 4 chapter 4.1.7 of the Food Law Code of Practice). If at this new primary inspection the score indicates that the premises should receive fewer stars then the record will be updated with the amended score posted on the Internet.
7. All premises will be informed by letter that the scores will be posted on the Internet.
8. The Internet web page includes a “right to reply” section for the use of proprietors.