

Extract from minutes of the Cabinet meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on 22 March 2017 at the Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde

## **CAB.41**

### **Food Hygiene task group - final report**

The Chairman of the Food Hygiene task group and Service Director Performance and Innovation submitted a report detailing the work of the Food Hygiene task group.

The Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder praised the thoroughness of the task group's report, thanked the members and stated that she fully supported all the recommendations.

### **Decision taken**

Cabinet agreed

1. that the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme be promoted across the borough, using all methods that the council has at its disposal, to raise public awareness and interest, and to help raise food hygiene standards in commercial premises and in residential establishments.
2. that, recognising the positive effect of legislation in Wales, a letter be sent from the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive to the Secretary of State in the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (copied to Wyre's three MPs) urging the Government to bring forward legislation at the earliest opportunity to introduce a mandatory Food Hygiene Rating Scheme.
3. that it be made a requirement:
  - (i) that for any festivals and events run by the council any food business should have a Food Hygiene Rating of 3 or more to trade. The council should also endeavour to reflect the same terms, where possible, in new lease arrangements for any food business run from council premises.;
  - (ii) that for the Wyre Business Awards any food business taking part should have a Food Hygiene Rating of 4 or 5 (reflecting the fact that the Awards are an exhibition of excellence in the borough).