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UK GENERAL

Small high street businesses left exposed as rates relief misses the mark

This article reports on the perception of the wider hospitality industry that government support is selective and the gap between policy intent and business reality continues to widen. The article looks at rising rates on the High Street and shrinking margins, the fixed costs small firms cannot escape and a growing imbalance in who pays the price.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Small high street businesses left exposed as rates relief misses the mark - Elite Business Magazine](#)

ENGLAND

Colliers' John Webber explains why the business rates model is still broken

This article hears comments from a Rating practitioner who about the government's recently announced support package for hospitality venues. The article states that although the package is welcome it is only a temporary fix to cover the more fundamental problems

with the rating system in the UK. The article also considers the effect on other parts of the hospitality industry.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Colliers' John Webber explains why the business rates model is still broken | Property Week](#)

NORTHERN IRELAND

Finance Minister's decision putting brakes on revaluation 'unfair': RICS

This article looks at the finance minister's decision to pause Northern Ireland's forthcoming non-domestic rates revaluation in response to concerns from the hospitality sector. The article provides a view of the downsides of the decision, and which tools would have provided more effective relief.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Finance Minister's decision putting brakes on revaluation 'unfair': RICS | Belfast Telegraph.co.uk](#)

SCOTLAND

An 'increasingly uncertain future' - the impact of business rates and revaluation on Scotland's pubs

This article reports on the effect that escalating business rates are having on Scotland's public houses, and warns the government that many long-established businesses will face an increasingly uncertain future unless action is taken. The article hears the concerns of hospitality groups.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

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