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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](#)

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Admiral pubs boss: business rates will ‘kill off the high street’

This article reports that a pub chain boss has called on the government to fundamentally reform business rates or the High Street will be decimated and more pubs will close. The article looks at cost v revenue in the hospitality sector.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Admiral pubs boss: business rates will ‘kill off the high street’](#)

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](#)

How the 2026 Business Rates Update Will Impact UK Businesses

This article provides advice for businesses paying commercial rates in respect of the 2026 revaluation. The article provides an understanding of the business rates system, the effects of the revaluation, the new business rate multipliers, the additional relief for pubs and small business and transitional relief.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[How the 2026 Business Rates Update Will Impact UK Businesses - Makesworth Accountants](#)

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 | BelfastTelegraph.co.uk](#)

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Choice between cinema or pub causing headache for finance minister

This article reports that following the pause announced in revaluation for business rates by the NI finance minister, Northern Ireland's biggest cinema chain, who would have benefitted from the revaluation, is now taking legal action to force the minister to push through the rate reforms.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

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

Rates pause offers breathing space – but a reset is required

This article considers the effect of the pause to the latest revaluation announced by the finance secretary, but advises that it is a pause and not a resolution to the wider problems being felt by ratepayers which must be addressed.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Rates pause offers breathing space – but a reset is required](#)

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:

[An 'increasingly uncertain future' - the impact of business rates and revaluation on Scotland's pubs](#)

Scottish Government seeks evidence from licensees for Gill Review of hospitality valuation

This article reports that the Scottish Government has opened a call for evidence on the valuation methodology used for licensed hospitality premises. The article states the consultation will look at the receipts and expenditure method of valuation and whether this methodology is fair, transparent, and fit for purpose.

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[Scottish Government seeks evidence from licensees for Gill Review of hospitality valuation - Institute of Licensing \(IoL\)](#)

WALES

Businesses leaders call for more protection from rates rises for hospitality and leisure sectors

This article reports that the Federation of Small Businesses Wales has written to the Welsh finance secretary urging him to shield hospitality and leisure firms from steep business rates increases set out in the 2026-27 Budget. The article states that the firms in this sector are already operating on thin margins and risk closure.

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