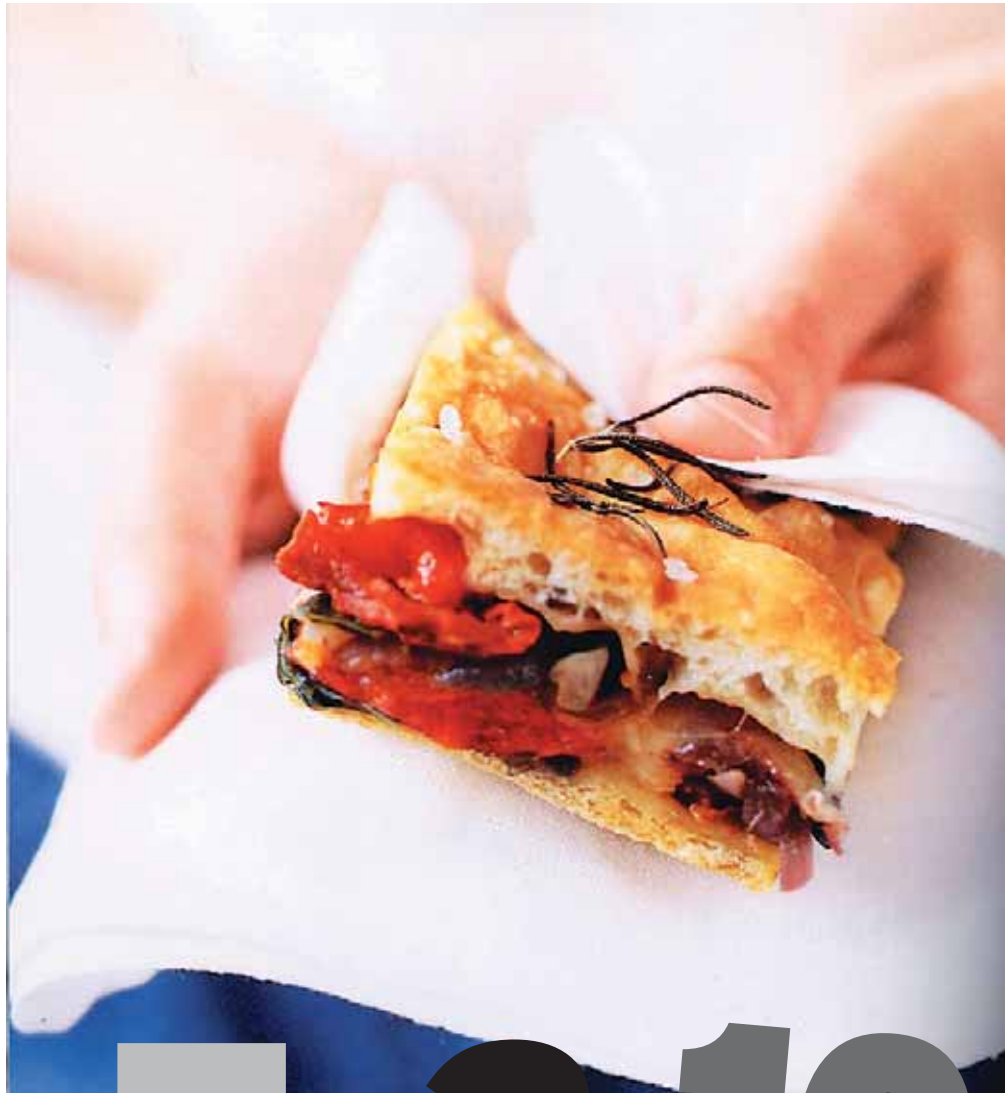


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Scores on the Doors is coming!

Many of you will be aware that a large number of local authorities across the UK have already begun publishing the results of food hygiene inspections on their websites, and encouraging businesses to display a 'star rating' certificate or similar on the premises. The Food Standards Agency have announced that they will be making a recommendation about a national scheme later this year. It is Babergh's intention to adopt a Scores on the Doors scheme which will be in line with the FSA's recommendations.

It is likely that the rating will be based on the assessment scheme which we already use to deter-

mine the frequency of food hygiene inspections, in particular using the scores on food hygiene practices, structure, and confidence in management. The presence of a fully documented food safety management system which is being implemented effectively will be essential to get the highest score.

We will publish a FoodWise Special to let all businesses know when we are getting ready to launch the scheme. In the meantime if you want to know more about Scores on the Doors in general or would like to see what other local authorities are doing visit the Food Standards Agency's website www.food.gov.uk/safereating/hyg/scoresonthedoors