

CITY OF LINCOLN COUNCIL
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2003
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2004

NOTICE OF BALLOT
LINCOLN BID BALLOT

PROPOSED RENEWAL OF BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR LINCOLN

This is to give notice that a ballot is to be held on the proposal of Lincoln Business Improvement Group to continue a Business Improvement District (BID) for Lincoln.

The ballot will be conducted entirely by post by the Ballot Holder, City of Lincoln Council, City Hall, Beaumont Fee, Lincoln, LN1 1DD.

This Notice is to advise you that the Ballot paper will be sent out by POST to those eligible to vote by Monday, 28 October 2024. These votes are to be returned no later than 5pm on Monday 25 November 2024 (the ballot day).

Who can vote?

Persons eligible to vote in the ballot will be the non-domestic ratepayer listed on the Council's database for each hereditament (business premise) situated in the geographical area of the proposed BID as at the date of this Notice, with a rateable value of £6,000 or more. Each person entitled to vote in this ballot shall have one vote in respect of each hereditament occupied or (if unoccupied) owned by them in the geographical area of the proposed BID.

Appointment of Proxy

Eligible persons may appoint a proxy to vote on their behalf. Applications to appoint a proxy must be submitted to The Ballot Holder at the address below no later than **5pm on Friday 15 November 2024**. Application forms are available from: The Ballot Holder, City of Lincoln Council, City Hall, Beaumont Fee, Lincoln, LN1 1DD. **Tel:** 01522 873733 **Email:** electoral@lincoln.gov.uk

A **proxy** appointment may be **cancelled** by notifying the Ballot Holder, in writing at the above address no later than **5pm on Wednesday 20 November 2024**.

Lost Ballot Papers

If a ballot paper has **not** been received by **Tuesday 19 November 2024** you may apply in writing to the Ballot Holder for a replacement paper and evidence of the voter's identity must be provided in the form of one of the following:

- a) signed letterhead for the appropriate company;
- b) signed **photocopy** of the National Non-Domestic Rating Bill for the hereditament;
- c) signed **photocopy** of an item of personal ID such as a Passport or Driving Licence.

Please do not send original copies of IDs or Bills.

Spoilt Ballot Papers

If you inadvertently spoil your ballot paper in such a manner that it cannot be conveniently used as a ballot paper, please return it to the Ballot Holder.

On receipt of the spoilt ballot paper, the Ballot Holder will issue a replacement. No replacements can be issued if the spoilt ballot paper is received by the Ballot Holder later than **Wednesday 20 November 2024** (three working days before the day of the poll).

Count of Ballot Papers

Ballot papers will be counted on **Monday 25 November 2024** and the result of the ballot will be announced shortly after.

For a BID ballot to be successful there must be a majority of those voting in favour of the proposal, and those voting in favour must represent a majority of the aggregate rateable value of the hereditaments voting.

Rejected Ballot Papers

If a ballot paper is duplicated and two are returned bearing the same number, both will be void and not counted. Any ballot papers that are returned unsigned, unmarked or that are void for uncertainty will also be void and not counted.

Declaring the result

The ballot result will declare:

- a) the total number of valid votes cast
- b) the total aggregate rateable value of valid votes cast
- c) the total number of valid votes cast in favour of the BID
- d) the total aggregate rateable value of valid votes in favour of the BID
- e) and if applicable, the total number of ballot papers rejected

For the BID Ballot to be successful there must be:

- a) a majority in favour of the BID in the number of those voting
- b) a majority in favour of the BID in the proportion of rateable value of those voting

Further details on the BID Proposal

If you require further information on the BID proposal, please contact sharon.stone@lincolnbig.co.uk or telephone 01522 545233.

Angela Andrews
The Ballot Holder

14 October 2024