

# **BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2003**

### **BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS, 2004**

#### **NOTICE OF BALLOT**

##### **PROPOSED RENEWAL OF BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

##### **FOR BEDFORD TOWN CENTRE.**

This is to give notice that a ballot is to be held on the proposal for renewal of the Business Improvement District (BID) for Bedford Town Centre where the BID body is BedfordBID Company Ltd.

The ballot will be conducted entirely by post by Laura Church, The Ballot Holder, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford with ballot papers sent to those eligible to vote on or before 16 September 2024 for return by them by no later than 5pm on 17 October 2024 (the "day of the ballot").

#### **Who can vote in the BID Renewal Ballot?**

Persons eligible to vote in the renewal ballot will be non-domestic ratepayers listed on the Council's database for each hereditament (business premise) situated in the geographical area of the proposed BID as relevant at the date of this notice. Details of the relevant classes of non-domestic ratepayers who are liable for the BID levy are set out in the original BID proposal. 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 Proxies**

Persons eligible to vote in the BID renewal ballot may appoint someone else to vote on their behalf (for example, if they were going to be away at the time of the ballot). Applications to appoint a proxy must be submitted to the Ballot Holder at the above address no later than 5pm on 7 October 2024. An application for the appointment of a proxy must be in writing and:

- (a) state the full name and address of the person whom the person entitled to vote (the applicant) wishes to appoint as proxy;
- (b) state the address of the applicant's hereditament;
- (c) be signed by the applicant; and
- (d) contain a statement by the applicant that the proxy so named has been consulted and is capable of being and willing to be appointed.

Alternatively, you can arrange for the ballot paper to be sent to someone else within your business/organisation so long as that person is located at either the address of the hereditament (business premise) itself within the BID area, or at the principal place of business within England. You can do this by writing to the Ballot Holder at the same address as shown above with the name and address of the person to whom the ballot paper should be sent and details of their position in your business/organisation.

Issued by: Laura Church  
Ballot Holder  
Dated: 29 August 2024