

Connecting Carnoustie - BID Ballot

Ballot Holder

The ballot holder is Richard Stiff, Chief Executive (as the person the local authority has appointed under Section 41 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 as the returning officer for elections to that authority). The ballot holder may appoint one or more persons to discharge all or any of their functions in respect of the BID ballot.

Timetable

The proposed timetable for the BID is as follows:

Date	Day	Date
31 August 2016	-98	BID proposer submits BID proposal to Angus Council, the Scottish Government and billing body
28 September 2016	-70	Last day for Angus Council to veto proposals
12 October 2016	-56	Angus Council formally instructs the Ballot Holder to hold the ballot
17 October 2016	Between -56 and -42	Publication of Notice of BID ballot
26 October 2016	-42	Ballot holder issues ballot papers, including a statement explaining the arrangements for the ballot
26 October 2016	-42	Ballot holder may postpone ballot up to 15 days
28 November 2016	-10	Last day for the appointment of a proxy vote (by 5pm) (28 November actually -9 but -10 is a Sunday)
30 November 2016	-7	First day to request a replacement for a lost ballot paper
2 December 2016	-5	Last day for the cancellation of a proxy vote by 5pm
7 December 2016	0	Ballot day – completed ballot papers must be received by 5pm
7 December 2016	0	Last day for issuing a replacement for a spoilt ballot paper (5pm)
10 December 2016	+3	The count Declaration of Results

Voting Criteria

Each occupier and, if applicable, property owner who will be asked to pay the levy will be able to vote on whether the BID goes ahead or not.

The BID proposal will only proceed if more than half the businesses in the BID area vote in favour of the proposal and they represent more than half the rateable value of the BID area.

A minimum turnout figure (headcount and rateable value) of 25% is required.

However, a higher threshold may be set by the BID proposer Steering Group if they believe that this will reassure the wider business community in the area.

If the ballot is successful, the decision is binding on all the eligible businesses within the BID area.

Method of Voting

The ballot will be undertaken entirely by post with votes to be returned by 5pm on the day of the ballot.

Arrangements for Holding the Ballot

The Ballot Holder will seek to engage the services of Electoral Reform Services to conduct the ballot on his behalf. The Returning Officer will maintain overall control of the arrangements and the Elections Manager will liaise with ERS in the delivery of all statutory requirements.

Cost of Holding the Ballot

The approximate cost of holding the Bid ballot is £1,500. The Council are under no obligation to meet the cost of the ballot – and it is proposed that the Council recoup the cost of the ballot.

Re-Ballot

A re ballot shall not take place until at least one year after the date of the original ballot.