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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2003
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2004**

NOTICE OF BALLOT

PROPOSED LEICESTER BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

This is to give notice that a ballot is to be held on the proposal of a Business Improvement District (BID) for Leicester city centre.

The ballot will be conducted entirely by post. Ballot papers will be sent to those eligible to vote by 10th June for return to the Ballot Holder by no later than 5pm on the day of the ballot, which is 7th July 2022.

This ballot is being run by Miranda Cannon, Ballot Holder, Leicester City Council, City Hall, 115 Charles Street, Leicester, LE1 1FZ.

Who can vote?

Those eligible to vote in this ballot are the non-domestic ratepayers listed in the Council's records for each hereditament (rateable property) which is situated in the geographical area of the BID as at the date of this notice and with a rateable value of £20,000 or more.

Each ratepayer entitled to vote has one vote for each occupied hereditament (or, if unoccupied, the owner of the property) in the geographical area of the BID.

Issue of ballot papers

The ballot period will be from 10th June 2022 until 7th July 2022.

Close of ballot

To be included in the count, ballot papers must be returned to the Ballot Holder, using the envelope provided, by **5pm on 7th July 2022**. For anyone wishing to return their ballot paper envelope in person, a ballot box will be available throughout the ballot period at the office of the Ballot Holder, City Hall, 115 Charles Street, Leicester. LE1 1FZ

Who will the ballot paper be sent to?

Ballot papers will be sent to the address of the hereditament or their nominated representative as established in the pre-ballot canvass. If no appropriate person was named in this process, the ballot paper will be addressed to "The Manager".

Please turn over

Appointing someone else to vote (a proxy)

The person eligible to vote may appoint a person as a proxy, to vote on their behalf. For example, if they are going to be away at the time of the ballot. An application to appoint a proxy can be obtained from the Ballot Holder or can be made in writing. An application in writing must:

- a) state the full name and address of the person whom the person entitled to vote (the applicant) wishes to appoint as a proxy:
- b) state the address of the applicant's hereditament or hereditaments:
- 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 and willing to be appointed

Appointment of a proxy must be received by the Ballot Holder before 5pm on 27th June 2022, and will be confirmed in writing by the Ballot Holder.

What if a ballot paper is not received by the voter?

If you have not received a ballot paper by 10th June 2022 you can apply for a replacement to be issued by contacting the Ballot Holder in person, by phone or by e-mail (email address at the foot of this notice). We will need evidence of the voter's identity. The last date a replacement ballot paper can be issued is 1st July 2022

What if a ballot paper is spoilt by the voter?

If you inadvertently spoil your ballot paper, please return it to the Ballot Holder (contact details below). On receipt of the spoilt ballot paper, the Ballot Holder will issue a replacement. No replacement ballot papers can be issued if the spoilt ballot paper is received by the Ballot Holder after 4th July 2022.

Counting of votes

Ballot papers will be counted on 8th July 2022 at City Hall and the result will be published that day on the Council's website: www.leicester.gov.uk

For the BID ballot to be successful there must be a majority of those voting in favour of the proposal, both in terms of the numbers voting AND also the aggregate rateable value represented by those voting.

Name and address of the BID proposer

To obtain a copy of the BID Proposal or for further details and information please contact the BID Proposer, please see the details below.

BID Proposer:

BID Leicester Ltd
St. Martins House, 7 Peacock Lane, Leicester. LE1 5PZ
Telephone: 01296 925082
Email: info@bidleicester.co.uk
Web: www.bidleicester.co.uk

BID timeline

25th May 2022	Notice of Ballot sent to persons entitled to vote
7th June 2022	Ballot Arrangements and Ballot Paper sent to persons entitled to vote (or proxy if appointed)
10th June 2022	Ballot period begins
27th June 2022 (5:00pm)	Deadline for proxy requests
1st July 2022	Deadline for re-issue requests for lost ballot papers
4th July 2022	Deadline for re-issue requests for spoilt ballot papers
7th July 2022	Day of Ballot
8th July 2022	Counting of votes

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