

# Bognor Regis Business Improvement District Term 2 Ballot Preparations

# Term 2 Ballot: Timetable of events and activities

#### LEGISLATIVE & BEST PRACTICE BALLOT ACTIVITY

#### February 2022

• Development of list and budgets

#### March 2022

#### Term 2 Business Plan Development

Consultation with businesses – Viability Survey to businesses 01.03.22

Analysis of results to assess viability of second term

Based on results of consultation, initial draft of second term business proposal responding to:

- changes in business priorities (especially post-covid)
- potential changes to BID Area boundaries, RV threshold, levy %
- BID activity service provision benefitting individual businesses
- BID activity activity benefitting wider BID area
- BID activity strategic interventions

Notify SOS and billing authority of intention to hold a ballot (at least 84 days before notification to council to run the ballot) (Submitted 29.03.22)

### April 22

#### 10 months before vote

- Meetings with LA on ballot process
- Vision and business planning with businesses
- Development of draft proposal

### May 2022

Development of draft proposal

# June 2022

#### 8 months before vote

- Draft BID proposal sign-off by BR BID Board
- Distribution of draft proposal to levy payers and agency partners for comment
- Consultation activities with businesses re draft proposal

# July 2022

- Revision and development of draft Term 2 proposal
- Letter to Arun District Council to formally request they run the ballot (84 days after notice to Secretary of State)

### August 2022

# 6 months before vote

- Feedback on BID proposal and amendments
- Head office research

## September 2022

- Prepare voter list
- Final Business Proposal and Business Plan submitted to local authority for sign off.

# October 2022

# 4 MONTHS BEFORE VOTE

- Engage with levy payers
- Baseline agreement negotiation with agencies (including Arun District Council / Bognor Regis Town Council and Sussex police)

# November 2022

• Final business plan shared with levy payers and local authority agency partners

#### December 2022

#### TWO MONTHS BEFORE VOTE

• Voter engagement

### January 2023

#### ONE MONTH BEFORE VOTE

#### **KEY LEGISLATIVE DATE (02.01.23)**

- Notice of ballot sent to voters [42 days before ballot] (or between Chritsmas and New Year, subject to Civica advice)
- Final updates and voter list locked

#### 3 WEEKS BEFORE VOTING BEGINS (10.01.23)

- Campaign / BID Proposal launch event
- Continued engagement
- Billing authority liaison

#### 2 WEEKS BEFORE VOTING BEGINS (01.02.23)

• Public events and media appearances

#### BALLOT WEEK ONE (09.01.23 – 15.01.23)

• Ballot papers and statement received

#### BALLOT WEEK TWO (16.01.23 – 22.01.23)

• Levy payers contacted to check their ballot papers have arrived

# February 2023

# BALLOT WEEK THREE (30.01.23 – 05.02.23)

Ballot half way period

### KEY DATE: 04.02.23 PROXY APPLICATION DEADLINE

• 10 days before ballot day

# BALLOT WEEK 4 (06.02.23 - 14.02.23)

- Final votes
- Replacement ballot papers issued 4 days before ballot (08. 02.23)

# BALLOT DAY 14.02.23 (TUESDAY)

#### **BALLOT ANNOUNCEMENT**

- Count and announcement 'as soon as is practicable' after ballot
- Ideally this will be Wednesday 15th February