



**18 October 2018**

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

## **NOTICE OF BALLOT**

### **PROPOSE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE YORKSHIRE COAST DESITINATION BID**

This is to give notice that a ballot is to be held on the proposal of the Yorkshire Coast Destination BID to introduce a Business Improvement District (BID) for Yorkshire Coast Destination. You should shortly receive a copy of the BID Proposal Document from the BID Promoters.

The ballot will be conducted entirely by post by **The Returning Officer, Electoral Services, Scarborough Borough Council of Town Hall, St Nicholas Street, Scarborough, YO11 2HG**. Ballot Papers will be sent to those eligible to vote **on Thursday 1 November 2018** for return to them by no later than **5pm** on **Thursday 29 November 2018** (the "day of the ballot").

#### **Who can Vote in the BID Ballot?**

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. 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**

Persons eligible to vote in the BID ballot may appoint someone else to vote on their behalf (for example, if you are going to be away at the time of the ballot). Applications to appoint a proxy must be submitted to Electoral Services, Scarborough Borough Council at the above address no later than **5pm** on **19 November 2018**. An application for the appointment of a proxy must be made in writing and:

- a) state the full name and address of the person who the person entitled to vote (the applicant) wishes to appoint as a proxy;
- b) state the address of the applicant's hereditament of 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.

A proxy appointment may be cancelled by notifying Electoral Services, Scarborough Borough council at the address above no later than **5pm** on **24 November 2018**

### **Lost Ballot Papers**

If a ballot paper has not been received by **Friday 23 November 2018** you may apply to Electoral Services, Scarborough Borough Council for a replacement paper in writing as follows:

- a) A letter in hardcopy form along with the appropriate 'evidence of identity'
- b) A scan of both the letter and the 'evidence of identity' attached to an email.

The letter should be addressed to Electoral Services, Scarborough Borough Council, Town Hall, St Nicholas Street, Scarborough, YO11 2HG. The letter must be signed by the Eligible Voter 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) A signed **photocopy** of the National Non-Domestic Rating Bill for the hereditament.
- c) As signed **photocopy** of an item of personal ID such as a Passport or Driving Licence.

Please do not send original copies of ID 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 Electoral Services, Scarborough Borough Council (address above). On receipt of the spoilt ballot paper, Electoral Services, Scarborough Borough Council will issue a replacement. No replacements can be issued if the spoilt ballot paper is received by Electoral Services, Scarborough Borough Council later than three working days before the day of the ballot.

### **Count of Ballot Papers**

Ballot papers will be counted on **Friday 30 November 2018** 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 Paper**

If a ballot paper is duplicated and two are returned bearing the same number or barcode 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 the 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:

- I. A majority in favour of the BID in the number of those voting
- II. A majority in favour of the BID in the proportion of rateable value of those voting

### **Further details of the BID Proposal**

If you require further information on the BID, please contact Kerry Carruthers, Yorkshire Coast BID Project Manager on 07500 775776 or email [kerry@yorkshirecoastbid.co.uk](mailto:kerry@yorkshirecoastbid.co.uk)  
Alternatively, information on the BID is available from [www.yorkshirecoastbid.co.uk](http://www.yorkshirecoastbid.co.uk)