RIPON BID

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Ripon BID Business Plan

2021 – 2026

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Chairman's Statement

Ripon is unique. Our small city of under 20,000 inhabitants boasts a vibrant city centre with its mix of small independent shops, high street names, a stunning Cathedral, a World Heritage Site in Fountains Abbey and one of Britain's greatest stately homes, Newby Hall. Add to that our city's own museums and market square - and surely one of the prettiest racecourses - and you can see why.

I believe Ripon can emerge strongly from the huge challenges presented by the Covid pandemic. Our unique local retail and leisure businesses have weathered much of the storm finding new ways of working and collaborating. We have so much to offer and as we perhaps see the light at the end of the tunnel, all of the city's businesses need a plan to boost the place, for the benefit of all those who shop, live, work and visit our stunning city.

Strength comes from working together and partnership. This BID is a form of cooperative that will benefit us all. The BID will re-invest in the priorities that matter locally, appreciating that Ripon is the gateway to the Dales, with tourists an important element of the business mix. The business plan has been crafted to capture the essence of Ripon and address issues that businesses have told us need attention. We need to drive footfall into our shops, restaurants, bars, museums and attractions – both in the city centre and the outer areas.

We are on the point of making Ripon one of Yorkshire's great success stories. Please support our journey by reading this business plan and then by voting for our own BID, to establish prosperity for Ripon's future.

Richard Compton
Chairman, Ripon BID Task Group

Introduction

With a population set to grow to over 20,000, Ripon is a small, visually attractive city set in North Yorkshire. Its central area of historic streets is dominated by the Cathedral (which brings in over 100,000 visitors pa) alongside a market town offer of national shops, quality independents, a visually appealing environment and a civic pride that this generates.

Its attractions also include the three Ripon Museums, Ripon Racecourse, its three rivers and canal and close by there are Lightwater Valley and heritage sites such as Fountains Abbey/ Studley Royal and Newby Hall. Ripon is set in attractive countryside bordering the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and lies not far from the North York Moors and Yorkshire Dales National Parks.

Ripon faces many of the typical challenges that similar locations endure; local, regional and national competition for market share and visitors, access and infrastructure issues, modernising and attracting investment, engagement with local residential and business communities and of course organisational and funding stability. This year we have seen the unprecedented challenges caused by a global pandemic.

It is against this backdrop and the desire to continue to evolve and succeed that the concept of a Business Improvement District (BID) is being developed.

You have told us what you want to achieve with a BID for Ripon:

- **Help recover from the challenges brought by the pandemic, not only for our major attractions but also the likes of our small retail and food & drink businesses who have found new ways of working to keep going**
- **Increase footfall in the city to enable Ripon to succeed**
- **Promote Ripon's offer to encourage people to visit and spend – both local and tourists**
- **Reinvigorate the events calendar so that it would be more beneficial to Ripon businesses**
- **Develop initiatives to support easy and attractive access in and around the city**
- **Reinforce Ripon's reputation as a welcoming and safe place for visitors to Ripon and all those who live and work in the city**
- **Reduce duplication, decrease business costs, and help support and promote Ripon's independent businesses**

Ripon is a Cathedral city that is home to a wide range of businesses – including a diverse independent retail offer, a market and a growing café culture, as well as quality events that draw locals and visitors alike. Tourism is one of the key drivers of Ripon's economy for the many who visit for the day or stay in the area to enjoy its attractions and a host of cultural, leisure and entertainment offerings both in and around the city.

Ripon BID will help to develop our strengths and our being able to:

- carry out exciting projects and events to drive footfall and spend in the city, raise its profile, help it recover and maintain its position as a vibrant destination.
- give businesses the support they need to flourish by driving down business costs whilst being a powerful voice.
- make Ripon a better place for you to do business in and for your customers to enjoy.

Business Improvement Districts Explained

What are BIDs?

BIDs are an arrangement whereby businesses get together, decide what improvements they want to make in their destination, how they will manage these and what it will cost them. This all goes into a business plan which is voted on by all those who would have to pay. The BID lasts for a maximum of five years and must be able to demonstrate how it benefits the businesses that have funded it. BIDs deliver additional projects and services over and above those already provided by public bodies.

In Ripon you want it to be a **Destination BID**, which means it will not only help manage and market our retail offer to the local catchment but also the tourism function wider afield. Ripon is a small place and you want the BID to cover the whole city rather than just the centre .This means it will include the following main sectors, Retail, Food & Drink, Attractions, Entertainment & Leisure and any other small sectors that will benefit. Also those businesses below a rateable value of £5,000 will be exempt from paying but can join voluntarily.

Why do businesses support BIDs?

A BID is a mechanism which allows businesses to raise a sum of money to manage and deliver projects that they have identified and believe will improve their trading environment, ultimately increasing trade for those businesses who are paying for the improvements.

Who pays for a BID?

Once projects and services have been agreed by businesses along with how they are going to be delivered and managed, they are costed and set out in a business plan. The cost to each business is worked out on a pro rata basis. 'This is called the 'BID LEVY'. An independent and formal vote then takes place on the agreed projects and services and if the majority vote is YES then ALL eligible businesses within the BID area HAVE to pay. The BID levy is normally paid by the occupiers of a property. In addition, BIDs can draw in other voluntary funding, grants and 'in kind' contributions to supplement the BID levy.

How does an area become a BID?

Normally a 'BID Task Group' is set up which is responsible for putting together a business plan setting out the projects it aims to deliver on behalf of the businesses in the BID area. This is based on a detailed consultation process with businesses. The business plan will include the projects, cost, delivery guarantees, performance indicators and the management structure. A confidential postal vote is held with all the businesses that would pay the BID levy getting a vote. To become a BID a majority of those that vote must be in favour by number and rateable value. A successful BID then has a mandate for a maximum of 5 years after which the BID would need to seek a re-ballot.

How is a BID monitored?

Like any good business plan, specific key performance indicators (KPIs) are set and performance is monitored against the KPIs by the BID board. The BID Company is answerable to the businesses that pay the BID levy and will be required to monitor and inform its members on its progress towards the agreed KPIs.

Does this mean the local authority will stop delivering services?

No. BID money can only be used to carry out projects/services ADDITIONAL to those that public services have to provide. Prior to the BID business plan being produced, the current services being delivered by all public agencies including the Local Authority and Police are set out in **Baseline Statements**.

Baseline Statements for the following areas are available for the Ripon BID:

- Cleansing & Maintenance
- Festivals & Events
- Leisure
- Car Parking
- Public Conveniences
- Landscaping & Planting
- Tourism
- CCTV
- Police

The BID company can agree to provide additional resources to deliver a higher level of service over and above the benchmarked level if this is what businesses have identified they want.

The Opportunity

This is your opportunity to see Ripon realise its potential through a Business Improvement District (BID) with over £800,000 investment over 5 years to shape the future. Open business meetings, surveys, one-to-one discussions and presentations have formed a detailed consultation process about the BID's priorities. This document sets out what Ripon businesses have said they would like a BID to deliver.

For a BID to be introduced, the vote must meet two conditions:

1. Over 50% of businesses that vote must vote in favour of the BID.

2. The businesses that vote yes must represent a greater total rateable value than those that vote no.

Over 300 BIDs have been set up in the UK already, all investing in their local priorities. Nearby this includes Harrogate, Northallerton, Skipton, and York and there are others such as Knaresborough in development.

Ripon BID in Numbers

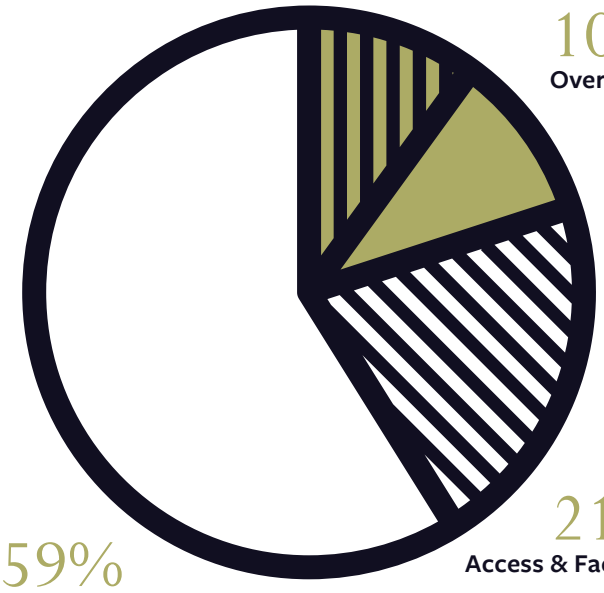
280+
Businesses

£8M **total RV**

Covering all Retail, Tourism, Food & Drink, Entertainment & Attractions

Over
£800,000
invested during the five year life of the BID

Key Priority Areas



£160,000+
pa Levy Raised

The BID Area

& Street Lists

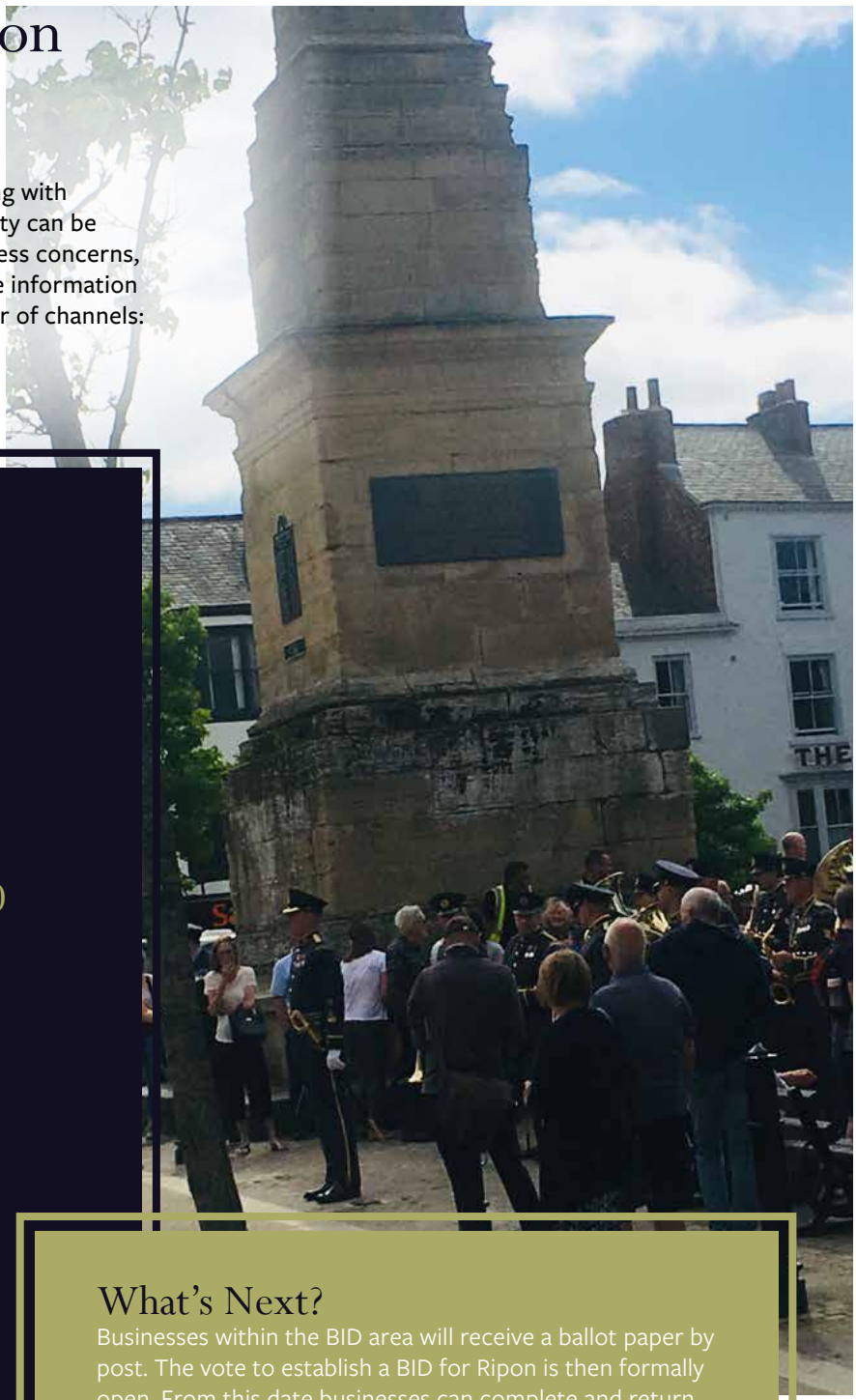
Aldfield
Allhallowgate
Bishops Glade
Blossomgate
Bondgate
Bondgate Green
Boroughbridge Road
Bridge Hewick
Camp Hill Close
Canal Road
Clotherholme Road
Coltsgate Hill
Dallamires Lane
Dallamires Way North
Dallamires Way South
Duck Hill
Elm Road
Finkle Street
Fishergate
Fountains
Galphay
Galphay Lane
Givendale
Grantley
Harrogate Road
High Skellgate
Hutton Bank
Kirkby Road
Kirkgate
Lead Lane
Lightwater Valley
Littlethorpe
Low Skellgate
Mallorie Park Drive
Market Place
Market Place East
Market Place South
Market Place West
Market Place North
Marshall Way
Minster Road
Moss Arcade
Newby
North Street
Old Market Place
Olivers Stray
Palace Road
Park Lane
Park Street
Princess Road
Quarry Moor Lane
Queen Street
River View Road
Sharow
Skellbank
St Marygate
Stonebridgegate
Studley Road
Studley Royal
Ure Bank Top
Victoria Grove
Water Lane
Water Skellgate
Westgate
Whitecliffe Lane

I believe the Destination BID will drive Ripon forward. As the owner of Valentino's Restaurant with rooms & The Water Rat Public House & Restaurant in Ripon I have invested heavily in the businesses over the past two years to evolve them to current demands. Ripon has a lot to offer and we must work together strategically to boost hospitality, retail & our attractions. BID will support many of the hard working successful businesses to get the recognition and volume they deserve with the incredible amount of hard work and passion they put into them.

Rick Jones
Restaurateur

The Consultation Process So Far

The BID Task Group have been talking with businesses to understand how the city can be developed in order to address business concerns, interests and priorities. This valuable information has been collected through a number of channels:



August 2019
BID Feasibility Study completed including consultation with Ripon Businesses, Ripon Together, The Attractions Group, Public Agencies

November 2019
BID Task Group composed of business representative and key stakeholders formed

January/February 2020
Business Engagement, including surveys, workshops, face-to-face meetings undertaken

February 2020
BID Newsletter and Survey sent to all eligible businesses

March 2020
UK hit by the Coronavirus Pandemic and subsequently the country goes into lockdown

May 2020
Revised BID timetable agreed & BID Newsletter sent to all eligible businesses

January - March 2021
Business Plan produced & business engagement

April 2021
BID Ballot Campaign

May 2021
BID Ballot

What's Next?

Businesses within the BID area will receive a ballot paper by post. The vote to establish a BID for Ripon is then formally open. From this date businesses can complete and return their ballot papers to Civica ERS, the independent agents acting on behalf of Harrogate Borough Council's Returning Officer. The following outlines the Ballot timetable:

Ballot Notice
To be sent by 22 April 2021

Despatch of Ballot Papers
06 May 2021

Close of Postal Ballot
03 June 2021

Formal Declaration of Ballot Result
04 June 2021

Ripon Projects

Local and Visitor Marketing

Say 'YES' to a Ripon BID and we will:

- Develop a marketing plan and campaigns that will include destination and local marketing to promote the city and BID businesses. This will include conventional and online marketing platforms It will:
  - » Encourage residents to shop local. This may include, for example, the development of a 'Reward Card' Scheme to encourage spend and loyalty
  - » Promote the visitor experience
  - » Increase spend and footfall
  - » Support the development of a high quality events calendar – supporting popular existing ones and developing new ones such as an 'Alice in Wonderland Trail'. Forging better events links with attractions such as Ripon Racecourse to increase dwell time
  - » Developing & promoting the 'Visit Ripon' brand and activities
- Develop events that will encourage visits to shops and movement around town such eg through live events in shops using music, comedy, art & literature
- Develop a comprehensive website and social media platforms to showcase the complete Ripon experience, promote offers and be an effective way of communicating with customers and engaging with businesses.

A successful BID for Ripon will represent the chance for much needed investment in our amazing little city. With the support and ideas from local businesses, the many sights and places in and around Ripon can be promoted thus bringing increased footfall onto our High Street.

Rachel Hartridge
Ripon Revivals

Access and Facilities

Say 'YES' to a Ripon BID and we will

- Help develop car parking and public transport incentives
- Develop the use of Market Square as a public space through events as well as the promotion of a 'café culture'
- Lobby to ensure high quality public conveniences
- Further develop the Retail Radiolink to reduce business crime
- Improve the appearance of the city through elements such as enhanced floral displays, dressing of vacant units, better cleaning
- Lobby for better wayfinding and signage

The BID gives Ripon's businesses the opportunity to fund and determine the future direction of the city as a retail and tourism destination. In the immediate post- COVID future when other agencies may be looking elsewhere the BID will steer a path for recovery and growth in Ripon.

Stephen Craggs
G Craggs Ltd

Business Support

Say 'YES' to a Ripon BID and we will:

- Developed centralised procurement for services such as trade waste, recycling, insurance and the like to ensure reduced costs for businesses. Independent businesses in Salisbury, for instance, save between £200-£1600 pa on centralise trade waste management initiative
- Be an influential lobbying and advocacy group, working on behalf of the businesses to ensure that your views are fully represented. This will include elements such influencing policy with Council, representation on local and regional economic partnerships and industry bodies as well as national place management bodies such as The BID Foundation and The High Streets Taskforce which have been instrumental in developing post Covid support and will be leading on recovery support and funds
- Work to ensure that Post COVID, Ripon is in a position with a plan and a partnership to secure stimulus funding to help businesses and the city recover
- Provide regular intelligence and information about the business environment by publishing updates so that you are kept aware of the information and opportunities that may impact your business
- Develop the profile and quality of independent businesses in Ripon from dedicated promotional activities for existing businesses to providing financial incentives and location support to expand or locate to Ripon

I arrived in Ripon from London some 20 odd years ago and although from North of the border I see myself as an adopted Riponian and feel absolutely passionate about the city as the only destination for visitors and businesses. The BID Task Group has provided the opportunity to encourage business going forward both large and small, to work together. Allowing members actively to become involved in proposed lobbying and community campaigns. Together we will be able to bring bigger gains and work towards shared priorities.

Annette Duffy
Specsavers

BID Levy

What will you pay?

BIDs are funded by the eligible businesses included in the BID area (page 09).

If businesses vote 'yes' for the Ripon BID, the levy will raise approximately £160,000 per annum for five years. With additional income, this equates to over £800,000 to deliver improvements that will directly benefit you. If the BID vote is successful, all eligible businesses will pay a levy of 2% of the rateable value of the business per annum. Small businesses, with a rateable value of less than £5,000, will be exempt from paying.

The table below gives an example of what the levy could be for your business.

Rateable Value	Maximum Annual Levy	Maximum Daily Equivalent Cost
£5,000	£100	£0.27
£10,000	£200	£0.55
£25,000	£500	£1.37
£50,000	£1,000	£2.74
£100,000	£2,000	£5.48
£200,000	£4,000	£10.96

Businesses pay an annual amount, collected once a year. This income is then used year-by-year over the 5 year lifetime of the BID to carry out the projects defined in this business plan. BIDs are funded by the businesses within the BID boundary.

Additional Income

BIDs across the UK on average generate 15% in additional income through their lifetime. Ripon BID will endeavour to do this through sponsorship, grant funding and other income generating activities. It is expected that this form of income will generate an additional £24,000 per annum to be invested back into the projects outlined in this plan.

Voluntary/Investor Membership

A voluntary/investor contribution can be made by businesses that are exempt such as those that have a rateable value under £5,000 and those outside the BID area. This will entitle them to all the agreed projects and services outlined in this business plan as well as full rights as members in the management and governance of the BID company. Details and eligibility will be set by the Board.

It makes sense to encourage the unity, membership and strength of one team sponsored by our local businesses to help drive our economy by promoting what we know we already have and aim for - a great little historic city which is a wonderful place to live and a destination for visitors who can discover its centre and wealth of local sights & attractions.I believe a BID can help to deliver increased prosperity and enjoyment for all.

Sheila Webb
Skell Gardens Cottage

Income & Expenditure Forecast

2021 - 2026

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Totals
Income						
BID Levy	£160,000	£160,000	£160,000	£160,000	£160,000	£800,000
Additional Income	£24,000	£24,000	£24,000	£24,000	£24,000	£120,000
Total Income	£184,000	£184,000	£184,000	£184,000	£184,000	£920,000
Expenditure						
Local & Visitor Marketing	£95,000	£95,000	£95,000	£95,000	£95,000	£475,000
Access & Facilities	£35,000	£35,000	£35,000	£35,000	£35,000	£175,000
Business Support	£16,000	£16,000	£16,000	£16,000	£16,000	£80,000
Sub Total	£146,000	£146,000	£146,000	£146,000	£146,000	£730,000
Overheads						
Staff/Contractors*	£30,000	£30,000	£30,000	£30,000	£30,000	£150,000
Office**/IT	£1,500	£1,500	£1,500	£1,500	£1,500	£7,500
Insurance	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	£5,000
Levy Collection Cost***	£4,500	£4,500	£4,500	£4,500	£4,500	£22,500
Legal and Professional Fees	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	£5,000
Sub Total	£38,000	£38,000	£38,000	£38,000	£38,000	£190,000
Total Costs	£184,000	£184,000	£184,000	£184,000	£184,000	£920,000

** A BID Company of this size and spend will require staffing to develop/deliver projects and ensure successful implementation. This may be on a permanent basis or contracted. ** Office cost will be minimal or gratis. *** We will work to minimise the levy collection cost further*

I believe it is essential that the Ripon business community operates as a "team", working to an agreed plan that will make Ripon an attractive place to visit and shop in, so maximising the profitability of businesses. A successful BID will give the best chance of achieving this, as it is the businesses that will decide on the projects to be done and have the resources to implement them. Numerous other places have got BIDs and are benefiting from projects being done. It is vital that Ripon does not get left behind, but becomes the destination of choice for shoppers and visitors.

Stuart Baldwin
Abacus Smarter Accountants

BID Governance and Management

If the BID ballot is successful, an independent, not-for-profit company, limited by guarantee, will govern the BID. The board will have up to 10 directors made up of representatives of levy paying businesses. Additional non-levy paying members may be co-opted, as required.

The board will serve voluntarily (without payment) and will be composed to reflect the make-up of the BID area in business sectoral terms. The board of directors will be directly accountable to BID levy payers for:

- Effective delivery of the projects and services as set out in the BID business plan.
- Upholding and promoting the BID's vision and objectives.

Board elections will be held where any levy paying business or equivalent financial contributor will be eligible to stand as a BID board director. Nominated representatives from Ripon City Council and Harrogate Borough Council will be invited to the board meetings.

All levy payers will have a stake in the BID company. They will control what the BID funds are spent on and can hold the BID company accountable throughout the duration of the five years.

The BID company will not be able to make a profit and any surplus must be spent on projects and services agreed by levy payers and the board of directors.

In Year 1, the BID Task Group who have been involved with the development of the BID will form the interim board to allow for continuity as much as is possible. Elections will then take place to establish the board from year 2 onwards.

Any levy payer or voluntary contributor can stand to be elected onto the board during this process. Board positions are laid out right (up to 10 in total):

3 Retail

2 Attractions

1 Food/Drink or Leisure

1 Entertainment & Leisure

2 Public Sector

1 Voluntary contributor/ Investor member

Remember the Ripon BID is developed, managed and controlled by you, the businesses

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Measuring Results

Ripon BID and its board will keep levy payers up to date on all the projects that the BID will implement over the 5 year term in a variety of ways. It will demonstrate that it is delivering against its objectives. The board will set the key performance indicators (KPIs) and criteria upon which to measure the BID's performance. Examples of the criteria the BID will use include:

- Footfall figures
- Visitor numbers
- Rental levels
- Car parking usage
- New business activity
- Annual surveys
- Business feedback
- Consumer feedback
- Media coverage
- Website/social media interactions

Performance measurement will be carried out at regular intervals and the results will be reported back to levy payers through the following channels:

1. Annual meetings

2. Group liaison forums and briefings

3. Direct communications
   (for example: e-bulletins, newsletters and face-to-face meetings)

BID Levy and Ballot Rules

1. The BID Regulations of 2004, approved by the Government, sets out a regulatory framework within which BIDs have to operate, including the way in which the levy is charged and collected, and how the ballot is conducted.

2. The BID levy rate will be fixed for the full term of the BID (five years) and will not be subject to inflation or alterations.

3. The BID levy will be applied to all businesses within the defined area with a rateable value of or exceeding £5,000, provided they are listed on the Non-Domestic rates list as provided by Harrogate Borough Council for the 'Chargeable Date', set annually.

4. The following will be exempt from paying the levy:

   - Organisations with a rateable value below £5,000.
   - Non-retail charities with no trading income, arm or facilities and are predominantly volunteer based. Non-profit making organisations with an entirely subscription and volunteer-based set up.
   - Businesses that fall in the following sectors – office, industrial, manufacturing, storage, and workshop.

5. New businesses will be charged from the point of occupation based upon the rateable value at the time they enter the rating list.

6. If a business ratepayer occupies the premises for less than one year, the levy paid will be on a daily basis.

7. BID Levy payment will revert to the property owner or the registered business ratepayer of vacant properties. Those undergoing refurbishment or being demolished will be liable to pay the BID levy.

8. The BID levy will not be affected by the small business rate relief scheme, exemptions, reliefs or discount periods in the non-domestic rate regulations prevailing at the time.

9. VAT will not be charged on the BID levy.

10. The levy rate or boundary area cannot be increased without a full alteration ballot. However, if the BID company wishes to decrease the levy rate during the period, it will do so through a consultation, which will, as a minimum, require it to write to all existing BID levy payers. If more than 25% object in writing, then this course of action will not proceed.

11. The billing body is authorised to collect the BID levy on behalf of the BID company.

12. Collection and enforcement regulations will be in line with those applied to nondomestic business rates, with the BID company board of directors responsible for any debt write-off.

13. The BID funding will be kept in a separate BID revenue account by Harrogate Borough Council and transferred to the BID company.

14. BID projects, costs and timescales may be altered by the BID board of directors, provided they remain in line with the overall BID objectives.

15. The BID board of directors will meet at least six times a year. Every levy paying business and equivalent financial contributor will be eligible to be a member of the BID company. Company members can vote at annual meetings.

16. The BID company will produce a set of annual accounts made available to all company members.

17. The BID will last for five years. At the end of the five years, a ballot must be held if businesses wish the BID to continue.

The Postal Ballot

All eligible businesses have the opportunity to vote.

The ballot will be conducted through an independent, confidential postal vote by Civica Election Services, on behalf of Harrogate Borough Council, which is the responsible body as determined by the BID Regulations of 2004.

Each eligible business ratepayer will have one vote in respect of each hereditament within the BID area, provided they are listed on the National Non-Domestic Rates List for the defined area as provided by Harrogate Borough Council.

A proxy vote is available, and details will be sent out by Civica Election Services. Ballot papers will be sent out to the appropriate person/ organisation from 06 May 2021 to be returned no later than 5pm on 03 June 2021.

For the BID to go ahead, two conditions must be met:

1. More than 50% of businesses that vote must vote in favour

2. The businesses that vote 'YES' must represent more than 50% of the total rateable value of all votes cast

The results of the ballot will be declared on **04 June 2021**.

Under the BID Regulations of 2004, if the BID is approved at ballot by businesses, all those eligible, regardless of how or if they voted, will be legally obliged to pay the annual levy amount.

During my seven years of living and trading in Ripon, I have seen many passionate groups of local people voluntarily organising events and looking to improve the visitor experience of their trading area. Through no fault of their own, these come and go with no significant lasting legacy. This normally results from a lack of available resources, both financial and manpower, to keep the ' boat sailing ' in the right direction. What is needed is to keep initiatives long lasting are robust financial and manpower resources, and that is precisely what a BID will offer this fantastic city. If local businesses, residents and visitors want to see sustainable projects and a long lasting impact for the good of Ripon, then voting businesses have to say YES to the Ripon BID business plan. To miss this opportunity, especially after the devastating impact of a pandemic, will continue to see Ripon struggle to fulfil its amazing potential.

John Alder
Office Ally

Why Vote YES for a BID in Ripon?

The Ripon BID presents an opportunity for businesses to move Ripon forward, to stop talking about what could be achieved and to start delivering a plan which is backed with funding. The plan is focused on the projects which you, the businesses, have asked to be prioritised and which will deliver a return on your investment.

Post COVID-19, the city must respond to the economic impact by marketing Ripon and delivering a great experience for visitors. Implementing the Business Plan will assist this and with other investment make Ripon a great place to visit and do business.

Together we can embrace the opportunity for greater input, influence, control and self-determination, by providing a new energy and sustainable funding stream to make this happen.

Ripon's got so much going for it – a great location with plenty to do and see – but it's not pulling together to make the most of its opportunities. What we need is action not words. Led by those with a track record of business success, the BID is the best way to get things moving. We at Ripon Museums will be voting yes in the referendum and will do our bit to make Ripon the best place in North Yorkshire.

Richard Taylor
Chair, Ripon Museums

Your BID Team

The Ripon BID has been guided to this point by a Task Group, of local business people, champions and Stakeholders who are passionate about the future success of the city:

Ripon BID Task Group

Stuart Baldwin
Abacus Smarter Accountants

John Alder
Office Ally

Stephen Craggs
G Craggs Ltd

Richard Compton (Chair)
Newby Hall

Annette Duffy
Specsavers

Rick Jones
Valentino's & The Water Rat

Richard Taylor
Ripon Museums Trust

Sheila Webb
Tourist Information

Robert Sterne
Sterne Properties

Michael Constantine
Harrogate Borough Council Nominee

Stuart Martin
Chairman, Ripon Community House

Sarah Blenkinsop
Golden Frog

Councillor Andrew Williams
Ripon City Council Nominee

Key Stakeholders
Ripon City Council
Harrogate Borough Council
North Yorkshire County Council
Police

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