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PLANNING etc (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006 BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2007 NOTICE OF BALLOT RENEWAL OF BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR MILNGAVIE

This is to give notice that a renewal ballot is to be held on the proposal of Milngavie Town Centre BID Ltd to continue operating the Business Improvement District (BID) for Milngavie for a further five years.

The ballot will be conducted entirely by post on behalf of Gerry Cornes, Returning Officer, East Dunbartonshire Council, Marina Headquarters, 12 Strathkelvin Place Kirkintilloch G66 1TJ. Ballot papers will be sent to those eligible to vote by no later than Thursday **7 March 2019** for return by no later than **5pm on Thursday 18 April 2019** (the “day of the ballot”).

Who can vote in the BID ballot?

Persons eligible to vote in the ballot will be those who, as at 1 January 2019, were non domestic ratepayers within 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 the Returning Officer at the above address no later than **5pm on Monday 18 April 2019**.

An application for the appointment of a proxy must be made in writing and:

- (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 property or properties;
- (c) Must be signed by the applicant; and
- (d) Must contain a statement by the applicant that the proxy so named has been consulted and is capable and willing to be appointed.

Alternatively you can arrange for the ballot paper to be sent to someone else within your business/organisation so long as that person is located at either the address of the relevant property itself within the BID area, or at your principal place of business. You can do this by writing to the Returning Officer (address above) with the name and address of the person to whom the ballot paper should be sent with details of their position in your business/organisation.

Lost Ballot Papers

Ballot papers will be sent to those who are eligible to vote by no later than **7 MARCH 2019**. If you (or your proxy if you appoint one) have not received your ballot paper by **MONDAY 11 MARCH 2019** you may apply to the Returning Officer for a replacement paper providing evidence as to your identity.

Spoiled Ballot Papers

If you inadvertently spoil your ballot paper in such a manner that it cannot be conveniently used as a ballot paper, a replacement can be issued on return of the spoiled ballot paper. Contact the Election Office for further assistance. Replacements for spoilt ballot papers can be issued up to 12 noon on **18 APRIL 2019** (the date of the ballot).

Late return of Ballot papers

From 8 March to 18 April 2019 at 5.00pm, papers can be delivered, by hand to Gerry Cornes, Returning Officer at 12 Strathkelvin Place, Kirkintilloch, G66 1TJ. Only Ballot papers received by this office as at 5.00pm on 18 April 2019 will be included in the BID ballot

Count of Ballot Papers

Ballot papers will be counted on **Thursday 18 April 2019**. The result will be announced no later than 25 APRIL 2019. For a BID ballot to be successful it will have to meet two tests. Firstly, a simple majority of votes cast and secondly, those votes cast in favour must represent a majority by rateable value of the properties of those voting.

Further Information

The BID arrangements and proposals are described in detail in the BID business plan. This will be issued to you along with your ballot paper, but, meantime, copies are available on request from the BID proposer, Graeme Ross, Chair of Milngavie Town Centre BID Ltd. (graeme.ross@milngaviebid.com). For further information on the ballot contact the Elections Office, East Dunbartonshire Council, 12 Strathkelvin Place, Kirkintilloch G66 1TJ (Tel No. 0141 578 8251).

A copy of this notice has been sent to Scottish Ministers.

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