

**PLANNING ETC (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2007**

NOTICE OF BALLOT

**PROPOSED RENEWAL OF THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR
BARRHEAD**

This is to give notice that a ballot is to be held on the proposal of All About Barrhead to renew the Business Improvement District (BID) for Barrhead.

The ballot will be conducted entirely by post on behalf of Lorraine McMillan, Returning Officer, East Renfrewshire Council, by the Independent Scrutineer, **Civica Election Services (CES)** of **33 Clarendon Road, London N8 0NW**. Ballot papers will be sent to those eligible to vote no later than **Thursday 1 July 2021** for return to CES by no later than **5pm on Thursday 12 August 2021** (the “day of the ballot”).

Who can vote in the BID Ballot?

Persons eligible to vote in the BID ballot will be the non-domestic ratepayer listed on the Council’s database for each property (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 property occupied or (if unoccupied) owned by them in the geographical area of the proposed BID.

This Notice is in respect of the following property:

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Appointment of Proxy

Persons eligible to vote in the BID ballot may appoint someone else to vote on their behalf (for example, if they are going to be away at the time of the ballot). Applications to appoint a proxy must be submitted to CES at the above address no later than **5pm on Monday 2 August 2021**. 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(es) of the applicant’s property or properties;
- 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 CES at the address above no later than **5pm on Saturday 7 August 2021**.

Please see over

Lost Ballot Papers

If a ballot paper has **not** been received by **Tuesday 3 August 2021** you may apply to CES for a replacement paper in writing by supplying **ONE** of the following:

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

The letter should be addressed to The Independent Scrutineer, Civica Election Services, The Election Centre, 33 Clarendon Road, London N8 0NW. Alternatively, you can email a scanned copy of the letter to **bids@cesvotes.com**. 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) A signed **Letterhead** for the appropriate company; or
- b) A signed **photocopy** of the **National Non-Domestic Rating Bill** for the property; or
- c) A 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 CES at the above address. On receipt of the spoilt ballot paper, CES will issue a replacement. Replacements for spoilt papers can be issued up to **5pm** on **Wednesday 11 August 2021** (the day prior to the date of the ballot).

Count of Ballot Papers

Ballot papers will be counted on **Friday 13 August 2021**, and the result of the ballot will be announced shortly after.

Rejected Ballot Papers

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 holder shall certify:

- a) the total number of votes cast in the ballot excluding any votes given on ballot papers rejected under the conditions above;
- b) the aggregate rateable value of each relevant property in respect of which a person voted in the ballot;
- c) the total number of votes cast in favour of the question asked in the ballot;
- d) the total number of votes cast against the question asked in the ballot;
- e) the aggregate rateable value of each relevant property in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted in favour of the question asked; and
- f) the aggregate rateable value of each relevant property in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted against the question asked.

For the BID Ballot to be successful:

- a) the number of votes cast in favour of the question asked must exceed the number of votes against the question asked;
- b) the aggregate of the rateable values of the premises in respect of votes in favour of the question asked exceeds the aggregate of the rateable values of the premises in respect of votes against the question asked;
- c) the ballot turnout must be **at least 25%** of the total number of people eligible to vote; and
- d) the aggregate of the rateable values of the premises in respect of votes for the question asked **plus** the aggregate of the rateable values of the premises in respect of votes against the question asked is **equal to at least 25%** of the aggregate of the rateable values of all premises in respect of which a person is entitled to vote in the ballot.

Further details of the BID Proposal

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. In the meantime, if you require further information on the BID, please contact Andy Dunlop, BID Renewal Manager 07773 557203 | andy@erbids.com.

Alternatively, information on the BID is available from **allaboutbarrhead.co.uk**

Lorraine McMillan
Returning Officer

Date: 10 June 2021