



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

NOTICE OF BALLOT

PROPOSED BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR TRURO

This is a formal notice of a ballot to be held on the Totally Truro proposal to introduce a Business Improvement District (BID) for Truro City Centre.

You will shortly receive a copy of the BID proposal document from Totally Truro, the BID promoters.

The ballot will be conducted entirely by post by the Independent Scrutineer, **Electoral Reform Services of 33 Clarendon Road, London, N8 ONW**. Ballot papers will be sent to those eligible to vote on **Monday 4th June 2007** for return to them by no later than **5pm on Thursday 5th July 2007** (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 Carrick District Council's database for each hereditament (business premise) situated in the geographical area of the proposed BID on 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 within the defined geographical area of the proposed BID.

Appointment of proxies

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 Reform Services at the above address no later than **5pm on Monday 25th June 2007**. 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 hereditaments
- c) be signed by the applicant
- d) 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 hereditament (business premise) itself within the BID area, or at your principal place of business within England.

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You can do this by writing to Electoral Reform Services (address overleaf) with the name and address of the person to whom the ballot paper should be sent with the details of their position in your business/organisation.

Lost ballot papers

Ballot papers will be sent to those who are eligible to vote on **Monday 4th June 2007**. If you (or your proxy if you appoint one) have not received your ballot paper by **Friday 29th June 2007** you may apply to Electoral Reform Services (address overleaf) for a replacement paper, providing evidence of your identity.

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 Reform Services (address overleaf). On receipt of the spoilt ballot paper, Electoral Reform Services will issue a replacement. No replacements can be issued if the spoilt ballot paper is received by Electoral Reform Services later than three working days before the day of the ballot.

Count of ballot papers

Ballot papers will be counted on **Friday 6th July 2007** and the result will be announced on **Tuesday 10th July 2007**. For a BID ballot to be successful, there must be a majority of those voting in favour of the proposal, both in terms of the numbers voting and also the rateable value represented by those voting.

Further details of the BID Proposal

If you require further information on the BID, please contact Mel Richardson or Dave Turner (01872 224428) of Totally Truro, Circuit House, St Clement Street, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 1DT

Alternatively, information on the BID is available from www.totallytruro.co.uk

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