



Andover Town Council

To **decide** if TVBC should be petitioned to refrain from using more than 1 vote for or against the proposed BID renewal in the upcoming vote.

Item
No.
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Produced for: Full Council

By: Town Clerk.

Date of Report: 13 Sep 2023

Background:

A Business Improvement District (BID) was established in Andover Town Centre in 2019. The first five-year term expires in March 2024.

A ballot is necessary for the BID to continue the current arrangements for a second five-year term. Andover Town Centre Bid Limited have prepared BID proposals which they wish to apply from 1 April 2024. The BID will send out its prospectus on Mon 18 Sep 23.

BID ballot papers are to be despatched by Thursday 21 Sep with the Day of the Ballot Thursday 2 Nov 23. TVBC is expected to make its decision by early Oct 23.

Whilst the BID has undoubtedly delivered some benefits, there has been a perceived lack of transparency. This has contributed to an inability to gauge its effectiveness. Businesses should be left to come to their own conclusions.

Proposal:

MOTION: that the Andover Town Council Clerk write a letter to the Chief Executive Test Valley Borough Council formally requesting that Test Valley Borough Council refrain from using more than 1 vote for or against the proposed BID renewal in the upcoming vote.

Recommendations:

Councillors to consider and Vote.