

BID Levy Rules

The formation of a BID is enabled by Government legislation and regulation. This section defines the proposed BID levy rules, as required by statute. Following a successful ballot, the BID would become mandatory for all the defined businesses or occupiers in the BID area.

- The BID term is for 5 years, which commenced 1 April 2013
- The BID levy is charged on all properties in the BID area which appear in the rating list with a rateable value of £150,000 or more.
- The BID levy is based upon the rateable value in effect from 1st November 2012.
- Properties that come into the Rating List during the BID term will be subject to the BID levy from the effective date that the property is brought into the rating list and the RV effective at that time.
- The BID levy is a daily charge, paid annually in advance.
- The BID levy is calculated as follows:-

$$\text{BID RV} \times \text{BID multiplier} \times \frac{\text{no. days in the year for which the rate payer is liable for rates}}{\text{days in the year}}$$

- The BID multiplier for 2013/14 was 1% of rateable value.
The BID multiplier for 2014/15 was 1% of rateable value.
The BID multiplier for 2015/16 was 1% of rateable value.
The BID multiplier for 2016/17 is 1.025% of rateable value.
- The BID multiplier for subsequent years may be increased by the Board of the BID Body by up to 3% of the BID multiplier for the previous year. Any increase beyond the second year will be compounded.
- Ratepayers in receipt of mandatory charitable relief from business rates shall receive a 95% discount on the BID Levy.
- A BID account relating to all or part of a financial year shall not exceed £30,000. However, there may be more than one BID account for a financial year.
- A ratepayer will be liable to pay the BID levy on an unoccupied property without any void period or any empty allowance. If there is no NNDR Payer in existence on a particular day, no BID Levy is payable
- There will be no VAT charged on the BID levy
- The Board of the BID Body will be able to alter the BID arrangements, without an alteration ballot, so long as any alterations do not
 - Alter the geographical area of the BID
 - Cause anyone to pay the BID levy who was not liable to pay it before or increase the amount of the BID levy for anyone.
 - The BID Board will follow any due process set out in the BID Legislation and Regulations in making any such alterations to the BID arrangements.