

**18 November 2014****Agenda Item: 9****REPORT OF THE GROUP MANAGER, CORPORATE STRATEGY****VOTE AUTHORISED UNDER URGENCY PROCEDURE:  
RENEWAL OF MANSFIELD BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID)  
FOR 2015-2020****Purpose of the Report**

1. To advise Members of a vote in favour of the renewal of the Mansfield Business Improvement District (BID) scheme that was authorised under the urgency procedure.

**Information and advice**

2. The Mansfield Business Improvement District (BID) was formally established in 2010 following a vote in favour by businesses in the town centre. BIDs are business led bodies that are formed to improve a defined commercial area, usually town centres with a retail and / or leisure focus.
3. BIDs can operate for a maximum of five years. If they wish to continue they must go through a renewal ballot process to secure another term of up to five years.
4. BIDs are funded through a levy, which is a percentage of the constituent businesses' rateable value. Once a BID is established the levy is mandatory for all businesses in the area covered by the BID. Many BIDs exclude the smallest businesses and charities from the levy. The levy is collected by the district council along with business rates and is then passed over to the BID company for use on the projects and services set out in the BID proposal.
5. The Mansfield BID 2015-2020 business plan describes the priority activities and funding profile for the organisation. There will be a fixed 2% levy applied to all non-domestic properties within the BID area that have a rateable value of £2,500 or more.
6. The County Council is eligible to vote in the BID renewal ballot by virtue of it being the occupier of the Mansfield Bus Station. The ballot was open from 17<sup>th</sup> October to 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014, hence the requirement to seek authorisation to vote under the urgency procedure.

7. A vote in favour was submitted by the deadline. It was authorised through the provisions for urgent decisions by the Chief Executive (Option C, Part C of the Constitution – decision by the Chief Executive) due to the ballot closing date being outside of the Committee cycle.
8. The County Council's vote in favour reflects the fact that town centre regeneration is a priority in the Council's Strategic Plan and Economic Development Strategy.

### **Reason(s) for Recommendations**

9. Decisions taken through the urgency procedures are required to be reported to the next available Committee meeting.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

11. It is recommended that Committee notes the use of the urgency procedure to authorise the Council's vote in favour of renewal of the Mansfield Business Improvement District.

### **Report of the Group Manager, Corporate Strategy, Celia Morris**

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### **Constitutional Comments [KK 10.11.2014]**

The proposal in this report is within the remit of the Economic Development Committee and is for noting only.

### **Financial Comments [SEM 10.11.2014]**

There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report.

### **Background Papers**

Seizing our town's future together – 2015-2020 A Business Plan for the renewal of the Mansfield Business Improvement District.

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All Mansfield divisions