

Chichester District Council

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Review of Business Improvement District (BID)

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2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **The committee is requested to note the report relating to Chichester Business Improvement District (BID).**

3. Background

- 3.1. Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) are business led partnerships operating within a defined area, in which a levy is charged on all business rate payers to fund projects and services which will benefit the BID levy paying businesses. BIDs are created through a ballot process whereby levy-rate payers vote to determine whether the BID goes ahead. The maximum period that a BID levy can be charged is 5 years. Once the term is completed the BID will automatically cease. However, if it wishes to continue its activities it can hold a new ballot to renew the BID for a further five years.
- 3.2. In 2010, the Council's Economic Development Service worked with Chichester Chamber of Commerce and city centre businesses to propose the establishment of a BID for Chichester City Centre. In 2011, Cabinet (Executive Board) agreed to support the establishment of a City Centre BID. Following a successful ballot, Chichester BID was established in April 2012, to run for five years until 31 March 2017. At its meeting on 12 July 2016, Cabinet approved support to the renewal of the BID. A subsequent ballot was undertaken, with approval being given for BID2 to commence from 1 April 2017 until 31 March 2022.
- 3.3. In March 2015 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report detailing progress against their Business Plan for the third year of operation and requested that a further progress report be brought back in 2016 – which was undertaken.
- 3.4. The Chairman of the BID meets quarterly with the Chief Executive, Director of Growth and Place, and Divisional Manager – Place. In addition, regular meetings are held with BID officers to discuss projects and consider issues of mutual concern. Chichester BID are also leading a number of projects which have been identified through the Chichester Vision.

3.5 The Chairman of Chichester BID will attend the meeting to present the annual report and statistics relating to the City Centre.

4. Appendices

Appendix 1 – BID OSC Annual Report 2018

Appendix 2 – Noggin 2017 Report

Appendix 3 – BID October Newsletter

5. Background Papers

None