

**PLANNING etc (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2007**

**DECLARATION OF BALLOT RESULT TO RENEW THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT FOR VISIT INVERNESS LOCH NESS**

This is the result of the Ballot to renew the Business Improvement District under the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006, Business Improvement Districts (Scotland) Regulations 2007 within Inverness and Loch Ness. The Ballot was held by post with polls closing at 5pm on 7 March 2019.

The total eligible electorate was: **359**

The total votes cast were: **158**

And the turnout (the headcount) was: **44.66 %**

And the turnout by Rateable Value (A+B) was: **46.64%**

The votes cast were as follows: -

YES – in favour of renewing the Business Improvement District proposals for the areas within Inverness and Loch Ness as specified on the Ballot Paper	115
NO – not in favour of renewing the Business Improvement District proposals for the areas within Inverness and Loch Ness as specified on the Ballot Paper	43

There was 1 rejected paper.

The rateable values of the lands and heritages in respect of which these votes were cast are as follows:

Aggregate of the rateable values of the lands and heritages in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted for the BID proposals (A)	£6,153,200
Aggregate of the rateable values of the lands and heritages in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted against the BID proposals (B)	£724, 400

The aggregate of the rateable values of all lands and heritages in respect of which a person is entitled to vote in the ballot is **£14,743,600**.

On the basis of these papers:

1. A minimum turnout figure of 25% is achieved of individual persons (the headcount) eligible to vote
2. A minimum turnout figure of 25% is achieved by rateable value
3. More than 50% of those “eligible persons” who voted must vote in favour
4. More than 50% of those “eligible persons” who voted, in terms of rateable value, must vote in favour.

As these four conditions **have** been met I therefore declare that, on the basis of a ballot held for the purposes of section 38(1) of the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006, the BID proposals for the areas of Inverness and Loch Ness listed on the Ballot Paper **have** been approved.

Donna Manson, Ballot Holder
Friday, 8 March 2019 at 2.30pm

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Papers were rejected for the following reasons:

No official mark - 0	Both answers voted for - 0	Unmarked or void for uncertainty - 1
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