

Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006

Business Improvement Districts (Scotland) Regulations 2007

Declaration of Ballot Result to Approve the Renewal of a Business Improvement District in Inverness Loch Ness Tourism

This is the result of the Ballot to renew a Business Improvement District under the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006, Business Improvement Districts (Scotland) Regulations 2007 within Inverness Loch Ness Tourism. The Ballot was held by post with polls closing at 5pm on 14 March 2024.

The total number of eligible business premises (total number of ballot papers) of which a person is entitled to vote in the ballot is

400

The aggregate of the rateable values of relevant properties in respect of which a person is entitled to vote in the ballot is

£25,883,240

The total number of votes cast in the ballot, excluding rejected ballot papers, is

151

The aggregate property rateable value in respect of which a person, excluding rejected ballot papers voted is

£13,673,290

The return rate (turnout) in respect of those eligible to vote is

36.65%

The return rate (turnout) in respect of rateable values is

53.25%

The votes cast were as follows:

YES – in favour of the Business Improvement District proposals for the areas within Inverness Loch Ness Tourism as specified on the Ballot Paper	103
NO – not in favour of the Business Improvement District proposals for the areas within Inverness Loch Ness Tourism as specified on the Ballot Paper	48

The rateable values of the relevant properties in respect of which these votes were cast are as follows:

Aggregate of the rateable values of the relevant properties in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted for the BID proposals (A)	£12,607,590
Aggregate of the rateable values of the relevant properties in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted against the BID proposals (B)	£1,065,700

On the basis of these papers:

1. The number of votes cast in favour of the BID proposals **exceeds** the number of votes cast against those proposals;



2. The aggregate of the rateable values of the relevant properties in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted for the BID proposals (A) **exceeds** the aggregate of the rateable values of the relevant properties in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted against the BID proposals (B);
3. At least 25% of the persons entitled to vote in the ballot **have** done so; and
4. The aggregate of the rateable values of the relevant properties in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted for the BID proposals (A) **plus** the aggregate of the rateable values of the relevant properties in respect of which a person voting in the ballot has voted against the BID proposals (B) **is** equal to at least 25% of the aggregate of the rateable values of all relevant properties in respect of which a person is entitled to vote in the ballot.

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 Loch Ness Tourism listed on the Ballot Paper **have** been approved.

Derek Brown
Ballot Holder
The Highland Council _____

Julia Teixeira
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Papers were rejected for the following reasons:

No official mark	0
Both answers voted for mark	0
Unmarked or void for uncertainty	0
Duplicate returned	2 papers (1 property)

