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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2014 No. 143**

**BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS**

The Business Improvement Districts (General)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

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THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (GENERAL)  
REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2014

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SCHEDULE      CONTENT OF BID PROPOSALS, RENEWAL PROPOSALS OR  
1      ALTERATION PROPOSALS

1. (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3), a BID proposal...

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2. The matters which shall be included in renewal proposals are—...  
3. (1) Subject to sub paragraph (2), the matters which shall...  
SCHEDULE RULES FOR BID BALLOTS, RENEWAL BALLOTS AND  
2 ALTERATION BALLOTS

*PROVISIONS AS TO TIME*

*Timetable*

1. The proceedings of the ballot shall be conducted in accordance...

**RULES FOR BALLOTS**

*Day of the ballot*

2. (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the ballot holder shall secure...

*Ballots – preliminary procedures*

3. The ballot holder shall, at least 42 days before the...

*Ballots – general*

4. (1) Each ballot shall be a postal ballot.

*Proxy voting*

5. (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, any person...

*Requirement of secrecy*

6. (1) Every person attending the proceedings in connection with the...

*Notification of requirement of secrecy*

7. The ballot holder shall make such arrangements as they think...

*The ballot paper*

8. (1) Nothing is to be printed on the ballot paper...

*Prohibition of disclosure of vote*

9. No person who has voted shall, in any legal proceeding...

*Procedure on issue of ballot paper*

10. (1) One ballot paper shall be issued in respect of...

*Spoilt ballot papers*

11. (1) If a voter has inadvertently dealt with their ballot...

*Lost ballot papers*

12. (1) Where a voter has not received their ballot paper...

*Receipt of return ballot papers*

13. (1) A postal ballot paper shall not be taken to...

*The count*

14. (1) As soon as practicable after the day of the...

*Rejected ballot papers*

15. (1) Where a ballot paper is received which bears the...

*Decisions on ballot papers*

16. The decision of the ballot holder on any question arising...

*Declaration of result*

17. (1) The ballot holder shall certify— (a) the total number...

*Validity*

18. (1) No BID ballot, renewal ballot, alteration ballot or re...

*Retention of ballot papers*

19. The ballot holder shall retain the ballot papers for 6...  
SCHEDULE THE KEEPING OF THE BID REVENUE ACCOUNT  
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PART 1 — Credits to the Account

1. For each year a district council which is required to...

*Item 1: BID revenues*

*Item 2: Income from BID services and facilities*

*Item 3: reduced provision for bad or doubtful debts*

*Item 4: credit balance from previous year*

PART 2 — Debits to the Account

2. For each year a district council which is required to...

*Item 1: BID cost of collection*

*Item 2: BID expenditure*

*Item 3: provision for bad or doubtful debts*

*Item 4: debit balance from previous year*

- SCHEDULE [IMPOSITION], ADMINISTRATION, COLLECTION AND  
4 RECOVERY OF BID LEVY

1. Interpretation  
2. Service of demand notices  
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4. Invalid notices

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