LEVY RULES AND REGULATIONS

The BID levy is a mandatory charge, enforceable in the same way as non-domestic rates, following a successful ballot.

- The BID levy is the principal source of income for Croydon BID.
- The term of the BID will be 1st April 2027 to 31st March 2032.
- The levy will be set at 1.3% of the rateable value of each hereditament within the BID area as at the valuation date of 1 April each billing year using the 2026 rating list. No refunds from previous annual chargeable periods will be payable.
- For new hereditaments entering the list (for new, splits or mergers) after the fixed valuation date, the prevailing value will be used.
- If a property is removed from the non-domestic ratings list, effectively becoming nil-rated, there will be no levy chargeable and will take effect from the next available chargeable period. No refunds from previous annual chargeable periods will be payable.
- The levy will be due on 1st April each year and will be payable in full in one single instalment. Any adjustments to the list during each year will be applied at the next available chargeable period with no backdating.
- An annual inflation provision is permitted at the discretion of the board at a value up to prevailing Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH).
- There are no exemptions or discounts to the levy for charitable status, mandatory rate relief or businesses paying other service charges.
- Currently the number of businesses within the BID area is 460, who will be eligible for the vote and to pay the levy.
- All premises with a rateable value of less than £40,000 within the BID area will be exempt from paying the levy and therefore will not be eligible to vote in the ballot.
- There will be no refund if the BID levy payer vacates the premises during the year, therefore steps should be taken where appropriate to apportion liability with incoming tenants, landlords or freeholders.
- Where a property is empty, the levy liability will transfer to the eligible ratepayer which may be the property owner.
- Before the end of the five-year term, the Croydon BID Board may seek renewal of the BID for a further five-year term, through a renewal ballot.
- No VAT is applied to the BID levy.

COLLECTION OF THE BID LEVY

- Arrangements for the collection of the BID levy are set out in a formal Operating Agreement between Croydon BID and Croydon Council (for details visit www.croydonbid.com). These arrangements are governed and administered within the guidelines set out in the BID (England) Regulations 2004.
- Croydon Council will be responsible for collecting the BID levy on behalf of Croydon BID. The levy will be collected in one instalment due on 1st April each year and held in a separate account solely for Croydon BID. Enforcement measures for collection of the BID levy are detailed in the Operating Agreement between Croydon BID and Croydon Council.