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23rd FEBRUARY 2023

**BID4OBAN – OUTCOME OF BALLOT AND NOMINATIONS FOR BID4OBAN BID
BOARD**

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 At the Council meeting on 29th September 2022 Elected Members considered a report which asked members to endorse the Oban Business Improvement District (BID4Oban)

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4.0 DETAIL

4.1 The Oban BID was dependent on a successful outcome in the ballot. For the ballot to count, a minimum 25% turnout of all businesses had to be realised, and of those business representatives that voted, 50% must vote in favour of the BID for a third term.

4.2 The ballot was held on Thursday 8th December and the Oban Business community has voted in favour of the Oban BID. The results were as follows:

No. of Ballot Papers Issues	No. of Returns	Yes Votes	No Votes	Rejected Votes
548	205	156	46	3

The BID ballot has therefore secured a minimum turnout in respect of all businesses, and of those business representatives that vote, over 50% by number. The result has also met the 25% figure by combined rateable value vote in favor of the BID. Given the many economic challenges placed before Oban in the previous term it is welcomed that there was a very positive result which allows the local business community to implement their new business plan which contains a number of ambitious projects and initiatives.

4.3 Following a successful yes vote, as laid out in the BID4Oban Business Proposal, the management and operation of the BID will continue under the existing company structure and name, BID4Oban Ltd, company number 435469, which will operate from 09/12/2022.

4.4 The Board will continue to be representative of the businesses and stakeholders in the area and will act in the best interests of the BID company. The Chair, Vice Chair, Company Secretary and Treasurer will be elected from the business members of the Board. The Board will include two representatives from Argyll and Bute Council, one Elected Member and one Council Officer. Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Committee appointed an Elected Member to the BID4Oban BID Board meetings for the third term of the BID, 2023-2028 on 15th June 2022. Other non-voting members may be

in a transparent way, answerable to the levy payers in the area. There will be a detailed set of protocols, which will cover the management of the BID and billing, collection and transfer of the levy.

4.5 note that an Elected Member has been appointed to the Oban BID Board and to delegate authority to the Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth to nominate a Council Officer to attend the BID4Oban Board meetings for the third term of the BID, 2023-2028.

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