

APPLICATION FOR COMPANY MEMBERSHIP

I/We:

of Business Name:

Address/Registered Office:

would like to become a member of *Harrogate BID Ltd*, a private company limited by guarantee. I/we also declare that I am/we are not a 'Local Authority Person' and will advise the Company of any change in such status which could cause it to become a regulated company.

Signed:

Date:

Print Name:

Position:

Email:

(Note: Where the applicant is a body corporate (eg a Limited Company), the following should also be completed)

I hereby certify that I am a duly authorised person of the aforementioned body and authorised to accept the invitation referred to:

I also fully accept and will adhere to the rules set out overleaf (Company Membership Rules):

Signed:

Date:

Print Name:

Position:

Business Name:

Address:

COMPANY MEMBERSHIP RULES

- 1) Every BID Levy Payer or equivalent financial contributor is eligible to become a member.
- 2) Where a levy payer has multiple hereditaments he/she is entitled to one membership/one vote.
- 3) In order to become a member, a levy payer must complete this form.
- 4) In order to become a member a levy payer/financial contributor must have paid their dues in full in the previous year and have paid the current year's levy/contribution within 3 months of the issue of the first bill/invoice.
- 5) Harrogate BID is a company limited by guarantee. As such, it has members rather than shareholders, who are each entitled to:
 - Receive a copy of the company's annual accounts;
 - As appropriate, attend general meetings and cast a vote;
 - Elect directors by voting.
- 6) Members must work in the best interests of the company and its objectives and in supporting and ensuring the delivery of the agreed Business Plan. Rules set out in the BID Company Articles of Association and those of Companies House relating to the conduct of members/directors will also apply.
- 7) Members will not be able to stand for the position of Chair unless they have served a minimum of a year as a Board Director and ideally have served as Vice Chair.
- 8) Members must declare any conflicts of interest.
- 9) Members are required to treat all communications and discussions of and relating to Company business, verbal and written as confidential and not to be discussed, distributed or used in any way unless agreed by the Company Board.
- 10) By signing this form members will also confirm that they have not been disqualified from standing as a Director of a Company or have convictions relating to financial or company wrongdoing.
- 11) Membership applications will be vetted by the existing Board of Directors. Decisions will be final and not subject to appeal.
- 12) Breach of any of the above rules will mean cancellation of membership of the Company. This will be decided by Board Directors.
- 13) If the company is wound up, the maximum you commit to paying towards the company's debts is £1. This is the guarantee you would make upon becoming a member, as described in the articles of association, and applies for the time you are a member and 12 months thereafter.