



APPLY TO BECOME A VOLUNTARY BID MEMBER

Businesses who occupy a commercial property in York city centre but are not legally mandatory to pay the annual York BID levy, may apply to become a voluntary levy payer. There are two types of voluntary membership available:

1. Businesses within the geographical BID boundary will pay the standard, annual fee of 1% of their 2017 rateable value, capped at a minimum of £100. They will then receive access to all standard BID programmes and benefits. For further details please visit www.theyorkbid.com
2. Businesses outside of the geographical area will be charged at a reduced rate of 0.5% of their 2017 rateable value, capped at a minimum £100. Applications will be considered on a case by case basis, based on programme viability and proximity. On receiving your application, a member of the team will be in touch to advise you on which services are available to you.

SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS

In addition to the wide range of projects and initiatives that already benefit York city centre as a whole, please see below the list of services that are available through membership. For further details follow the links or go to www.theyorkbid.com

- Street Rangers service (operating 7 days a week), includes eligibility for the anti-social loitering scheme
- Street Cleaning services – includes Rapid Response call outs (operating 7 days a week) and Deep Cleaning services
- Winter lights and festive displays
- Summer Floral Displays
- Eligible to accept the York Gift Card and have your business feature in promotional materials
- Eligible for enhanced Trade Waste and recycling services
- Eligible to participate in annual BID led Events & Festivals

VOLUNTARY LEVY RULES

1. Only businesses occupying a commercial premise, registered for nation non-domestic rates may apply. The applicant must be able to evidence that they are a legitimate representative of the business.
2. Voluntary levy payers will be charged 1% of their 2017 rateable value, capped at a minimum of £100.
3. Businesses can join the scheme at any point during the year:
 - a. Those joining between 1st April- 30th September will be invoiced for the full annual fee.
 - b. Those joining between 1st October- 31st March will be invoiced for 50% of the annual fee.
4. Unless cancelled, membership will renew automatically on the April 1st of each year and billed in advance.
5. Businesses who fail to pay their fee within the term specified may have their membership cancelled and/or access to services terminated.
6. Businesses can choose to cancel their membership at any time.
7. No refunds will be made, either fully or in part.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- York BID reserves the right to decline any offers of Voluntary levy payment and in some cases the application may be taken to the next appropriate BID board meeting.
- York BID reserves the right to amend the terms of the voluntary levy scheme at any time but will endeavour to inform all effected parties in the event of any such change.
- Voluntary levy payers will not be able to become a BID Board Director or BID company members and will not be able to vote in any future BID ballots.

Please contact info@theyorkbid.com or call 01904 809 970 if you have any queries or questions.