POSITIVELY PUTNEY BID YEAR 4





Promoting Putney as a welcoming place to shop, live and work Making Putney a safer and cleaner town centre

Encouraging businesses to work together and lobbying on your behalf

For information on all the services that the BID offers visit **www.positivelyputney.co.uk** and click on THE BID tab

The BID Board is made up of representatives from the Putney business community in a voluntary capacity to provide strategic guidance and financial management of the BID levy.

The Positively Putney BID team always welcomes input and ideas from all levy-paying businesses and wants to hear of any issues and concerns so that we can continually evolve and adapt, according to priorities. Please do get in touch if

you would like to discuss projects and services which are relevant to you and your business.

Our annual open meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday 10th June from 6pm to 7pm. Please email info@positivelyputney.co.uk for the login details.

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Along with this flyer you will have received the annual BID Levy Bill for the 2020/2021 financial year. While the Levy Bill is based on 1.25% of the rateable value of your business, it is separate from the Business Rates Bill. All BID's in the UK are governed by regulations which are set by central Government. This includes local authorities which have a requirement to send out the separate Levy Bills and to collect levy payments on behalf of the BID, enabling the BID to deliver projects and services for the benefit of the Town Centre.

In 2016, businesses within the Putney BID boundary voted to create a Business Improvement District (BID) for the five-year period, 2017-2022. The Putney BIDCO Limited Company, trading as Positively Putney BID, became operational in April 2017.

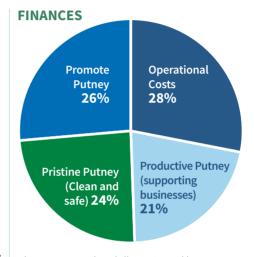
During these unprecedented times, we appreciate that many of you have had to temporarily close and are extremely worried about the financial impact on your business. The BID, in consultation with the Council, is urgently investigating different options to support our businesses. In addition, alongside many BIDs across England we are lobbying the Government to request support and guidance for local levy payers.

In response to the unfolding COVID-19 pandemic, and while businesses adhere to Government guidelines, we have made significant cuts to the budget in year four and will tailor our services according to the levy income we receive. After consultations with local businesses, the decision was made to send out the Levy Bills now, rather than later, to cover the period from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021. Understandably, this year is going to be incredibly tough for us all. However, we believe that during these difficult times, our role as a BID is more important than ever and we greatly appreciate those businesses that are able to pay their levy, enabling us to provide continued and vital support to our business community, helping them to recover and thrive once more.



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Please note BID levy bills are issued by Wandsworth Council on behalf of the BID and they are aware it is a difficult time for businesses at this difficult time. The Council have already suspended recovery actions such as court hearings and the engaging of enforcement agents, but this does not mean that your BID payment has been cancelled, and you will have to make up any arrears you accrue now in the future. The BID team are available to support you so should you have a payment query email them at PutneyBIDpayments@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk as detailed on the front of your bill.

Thank you for your continued support.

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