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#### Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Fleet BID Update: Emma Molyneux, Chair
- Financial Statement: Ian Fuell, Finance
- A word from Professor Christopher Turner, Chair of British BIDs
- Going forward: Bruce Bulgin, Vice Chair
- Fleet Up Your Game Up Your Gain report and Customer Service Awards: Jim Smith, Shopper Anonymous
- Open Feedback session The Voice of Business
  - What would you like to see the BID deliver to help your business?

#### Aims of the BID



Increase footfall



Save businesses money



Generate additional income that can then be invested in the town



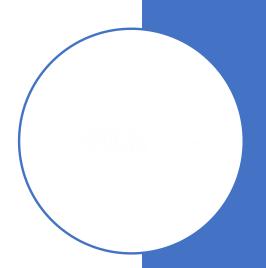
Improve the experience in Fleet



Provide business support



Support good practice guidance for BIDs

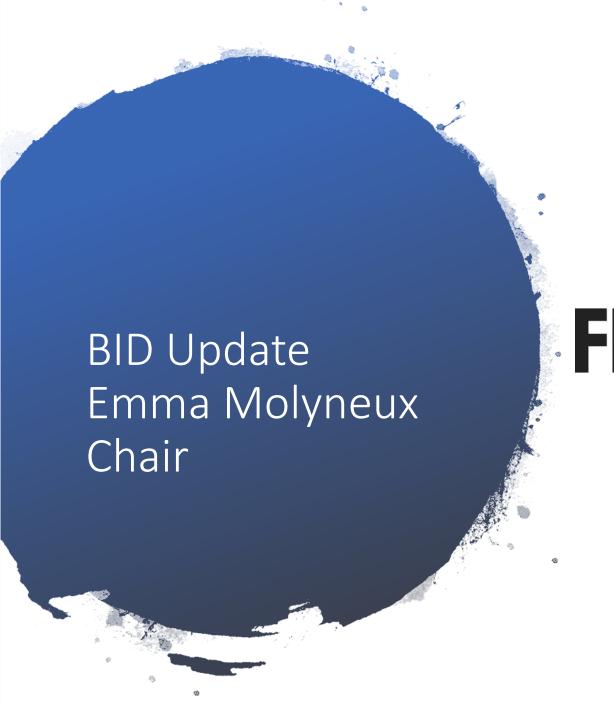




For business who engage, a BID provides the opportunity to

Save Money Make More Money

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## Projects delivered / ongoing from the Business Plan

- Advertising Fleet Hampshire Life and Local magazines
- Mystery shopping service
- Business Awards scheme
- Develop a website for the town
- Promoting the town and businesses on social media
- Bringing more events to the town
- Introducing additional markets to bring more people into the town
- Parking discount schemes for shoppers

- Obtaining discounts for businesses waste - £37,000 savings identified
- 'FleetWatch' scheme to reduce theft from retailers
- Introducing street art to create focal points and a visual impact in the town
- Campaigns encouraging people to buy locally – Advent Windows, Information Wall, online
- Developing a Brand for Fleet

#### From last year's levy payer meeting

Parking







Crime





More events









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#### Financial Summary 2018/19

Marketing, Promotion and Events £131,711

• Summer trail, Santa's Post Office, Food Festival, advertising, Curry Festival

Business Support £30,288

First Aid & Mental Health First Aid Training,
 Procurement support, Business Briefings

Improving the Experience £29,791

Summer Flowers, Christmas lights, information wall, FleetWatch

Admin £32,026

• Levy collection costs, insurance, professional & legal advice, accounting & audit







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#### How we evaluate projects

- Does it align with the business plan?
- Which sectors will benefit (retail, health & beauty, night time economy, service sector)?
- Does it provide opportunities for businesses to save money?
- Does it provide opportunities for businesses to make money?
- Is the BID best placed to deliver this (rather than the council or another organisation)?
- Will it improve the perception of the town?





More individual support

Making sure the voice of business is heard – regeneration, parking,

Continue programme of events – focus on high quality, high impact to bring people to Fleet

Closer working with Hampshire Chamber of Commerce to provide greater support



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2019 Fleet
Business
Excellence
Awards

Jim Smith



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## Working Together to Support Local Businesses

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#### Aims:

Provide support to the Town's smaller local retailers and businesses for the future, especially in these tough times

Provide expertise not often accessible to the smaller businesses

Ensure the town and its facilities – including its shops – are seen as attractive to visitors. The hope is they enjoy the experience and want to come back

Recognise the local excellence in the town



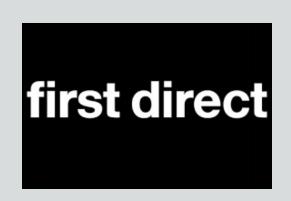
#### **Context:**

- Economic uncertainty
- Independents v chains
- Competition: especially the web
- The ongoing press about High Street
- Closures big ones
- Sustainable footfall necessary....
- ·... and that comes from great customer experiences (CX)



#### does great client experience work?















#### So why is service so important...

- People come back
- People tell others (good and bad)
- They remember brilliant and poor, not average
- They make snap judgements
- Reputation
- Expectations
- Value is service v cost are you the cheapest?
- Competition
- The firms that get CX right generally make more money



## 2019 Fleet Business Excellence Awards The Results





- Open to all in Fleet area, 41 involved 37 retailers and 5 businesses
- •Consisted of a customer experience review, feedback and this awards ceremony
- •Overall Average 92% (90% in 2018)
- •66% (58%) of businesses achieved scores over 90%
- •Ranged from below 71% (50%) to a fantastic 100% (98%)



Of those that participated last year:

- •18 improved their scores
- •3 were the same
- •10 lost some marks (but many were a percentage or two)
- The biggest improver gained 49%!



#### **How You Compare**

- Town Centre averages:
  - Cranleigh 87
  - Farnham 87
  - Eastleigh 86
  - Winchester 89
  - Godalming (2014) 81
  - Guildford 90
  - Winchester City 86
  - Woking 82
  - Fleet 2018 90%
  - Fleet 2019 92%
  - Average 86.5





#### great tips

- 1. Get feedback
- 2. Director of first impressions
- 3. Make it personal
- 4. Fresh branding, displays etc make it look good
- 5. Speed deliveries, call backs, engaging people



#### great tips

- 6. Who are you and where? Tell people
- 7. Emphasise value especially if up against the Internet. Make people realise 'why you'
- 8. Upsell v suggestive sell
- 9. Nothing of value was ever sold without rapport



#### Summary

- •Really well done. You have great businesses
- •The customer experience (CX) in the town is improving
- •The town, and your businesses will benefit from the PR, from this support, and from the confidence that knowing how well you are doing
- The overall visitor experience depends on all of you
- one poor experience sours a visit
- •It is critical that all businesses respond to the issues brought out of *YOUR* reports. I will distribute them soon



# To Present the Awards: Emma Molyneux Chair, Fleet BID

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#### **Award Categories:**

- Retail and Business categories
- Bronze, silver and gold levels
- Overall winners

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#### **Gold Awards**

217 Menswear

**Active Monkeys** 

Café Rendezvous

Charterlith

**Dancety** 

**Experience** 

**Fineweave Carpets** 

Fleet Party Boutique

Hair by Heidi

**KJM Salons** 

Ready2Print

**Salamandar Gifts** 

**Sew Busy** 

Sugarplum Boutique & Hon

**Waterfords** 



## Winner – Business Category Bates Solicitors

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# 2019 Fleet Business Excellence Awards Winners – 4 winners all scoring 100%

Captured Moment
Pedal Heaven
Ravenscroft MOT & Service Centre
Tackle Up



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#### Open Feedback Session – The Voice of Business

#### What are the key issues affecting your business?

- Costs of running a business waste, recycling, utilities, business rates
- Expertise to expand Lease negotiation, Legal Advice, HR advice, marketing advice
- Regeneration what are your views?



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#### Forthcoming Events / Dates for your Diary

- 11<sup>th</sup> June Drop in Business Support session business rates, lease negotiations, HR advice, procurement support
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> June Fleet Food Festival
- July / August Summer holiday trail
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June Free one day Emergency at Work First Aid Training
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September Free one day Emergency at Work First Aid Training
- Autumn Fleet Food Week
- October Hampshire Police Crime Event