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## Voluntary Levy Payer – Coronavirus Update

Dear BID Voluntary Levy Payer,

Firstly, we hope that you and your families are well and safe.

You maybe aware that our mandated Levy Payers are now in receipt of their 2020 BID Levy Notices from Shropshire Council (SC), and that we have instructed SC not to pursue any payments at this time whilst we closely monitor this very difficult trading situation.

We are also due to send out Levy Notices to all our Voluntary Levy Payers but have decided to hold off sending these out for the time being. As with our mandated Levy Payers, we will monitor the situation as we move forward and keep you updated. However, we wanted to reassure you that we still very much consider you to be a valued member of Oswestry BID and that we are here to support you in any way we can.

We are of course acutely aware of the difficulties and uncertainties that many of you are facing right now and we wanted you to know that we are in regular dialogue with the National body for BIDs. They in turn are in direct discussions with Government to pursue any available support to enable BIDs to assist their business members in their recovery.

Of course, we understand that Government has many other priorities right now so we need to have a little patience, but as soon as any news comes to our attention, we will pass this through to you.

In the meantime, we are putting as much information as we can regarding financial support and other guidance on our COVID-19 updates page on the BID website and are also detailing all those businesses that are still offering delivery/takeaway services on our COVID-Supplies & Service page – both links detailed below:

<https://www.oneoswestry.co.uk/covid-19/>

<https://www.oneoswestry.co.uk/covid-19/oswestry-business-covid19-response/>

These are such difficult times for all of us, but there are also some wonderful stories coming from our businesses of people coming together to support each other to look after our community.

We will all come through this together! #WeAreOneOswestry #BeBackSoon

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ian Follington".

Ian Follington

Chair, Oswestry BID Limited