

Orpington First Ltd is a not-for-profit organisation owned and led by local businesses. It aims to improve Orpington as an area to work, live and visit.

As a Business Improvement District (BID), Orpington 1st is financed through a mandatory levy, paid by approximately 300 businesses, in accordance with the BID (England) Regulations 2004.

Income 2018/19	
Levy	£184k
Additional Income	£48k
Total Income	£232k

Expenditure 2018/19	
Customers	£77k
Look & Feel	£30k
Access	£16k
Business	£29k
Investment	£9k
Operations	£53k
Total	£214k

These figures are the estimated spend up to and including March 31st 2019. An independent financial review will be available in the annual report. **The AGM will be held on Thursday 6th June 2019.**

Orpington 1st BID was established in 2013, and renewed for a second five-year term in November 2017 following a ballot of all eligible businesses who voted 83% in favour.

The BID gives you, the levy payers, a voice to influence and shape our towns future as it undergoes significant changes.

We enter the new financial year 2019/20 with high streets under increasing pressure and with businesses facing additional costs in a period of great uncertainty. The pace of change that we are seeing is unprecedented and businesses need support to adapt and respond to the way in which their goods and services are accessed.

Our role is to support levy payers and deliver the projects identified in the BID Business Plan 2018-2023 (available online). These are constantly reviewed and developed to take into account the fast moving retail environment and evolving business needs.

In the year ahead we will focus on the delivery of a town centre development plan to strengthen Orpington's economic viability whilst continuing to support our members through a range of initiatives such as our joint procurement programme, the delivery of events to increase footfall and advocacy with local, regional and national government.

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Project Highlights 2018/19



For Customers

- Delivered an events programme which drives footfall and continues to raise the profile of Orpington
- Development of a revamped offers scheme 'Orpington Options' utilising our mobile friendly website.
- Continued increase in online reach with ¼ million website hits in 2018 alone



For Look & Feel

- Received the Silver award in London in Bloom for our horticultural and sustainability projects
- Launched Orpington Businesses Against Crime (OBAC) online information sharing system
- Delivered new Christmas Lights scheme and installed Poppies across the town centre for WW1 centenary



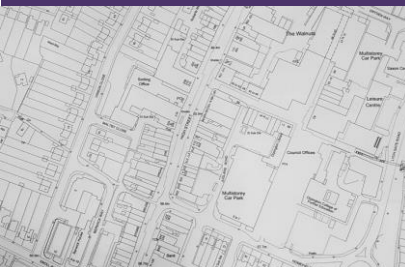
For Business

- 45 small businesses now benefitting from reduced cost waste collection
- Orpington's Finest Awards recognising excellent service and celebrating our business community
- Continued lobbying of local & central government on issues such as Business Rates & Permitted Development



For Access

- Agreed installation and secured funding for new signage in the town centre
- Secured the relocation and improvement of publicly accessible toilets within the shopping centre
- Continued our work with the Bromley Dementia Action Alliance making Orpington town centre more inclusive



For Investment

- Worked with landlords to secure occupancy of vacant premises – occupancy rate 5% above UK average
- Worked with new businesses to support planning applications
- Provided up to date information to prospective tenants to encourage inward investment