

This is Antrim Borough Council's agreed response to the call for evidence:

*That Council broadly welcomes the Bill to introduce Business Improvement Districts and is content that key concerns previously raised by Council regarding the collection and enforcement of the additional levy, as well as flexibility for local arrangements, have been addressed. Council's response is subject to it having the opportunity to give consideration to the detailed operational guidance from the Department once this becomes available, particularly as regards the role of district Councils once the new legislation is in place. Members asked that the Department takes into account the impact that the proposed levy may have on local businesses, especially those facing financial difficulties.*

Thank you

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