



## 2013 CHAPTER 5

### *BID arrangements*

#### **Arrangements with respect to business improvement districts**

1.—(1) A district council may, in accordance with this Act, make arrangements (“BID arrangements”) with respect to an area (a “business improvement district”) comprising all or part of the district of the council.

(2) A business improvement district may comprise areas which are not adjacent to each other.

(3) The purpose of BID arrangements is to enable—

- (a) the projects specified in the arrangements to be carried out for the benefit of the business improvement district or those who live, work or carry on any activity in the district, and
- (b) those projects to be financed (in whole or in part) by a levy (“BID levy”) imposed on the eligible ratepayers, or a class of such ratepayers in the district.

#### **Joint arrangements**

2.—(1) The Department may by regulations make provision for or in connection with enabling two or more district councils to make BID arrangements with respect to a business improvement district comprising all or part of the district of each of the councils.

(2) The provision which may be made by regulations under subsection (1) includes provision which modifies any provision made by or under this Act in its application to such arrangements.

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### **Additional contributions and action**

3.—(1) The persons specified in subsection (2) may make financial contributions or take action for the purpose of enabling the projects specified in BID arrangements to be carried out.

(2) Those persons are—

- (a) the district council which has made the arrangements, and
- (b) any other person authorised or required to do so in accordance with the arrangements.

### **Duty to comply with arrangements**

4. Where BID arrangements are in force, the district council which made the arrangements must comply with them.

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