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Consultation on the Sussex & Brighton Strategic Authority Prosperity Strategy

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Overview

The Sussex & Brighton Strategic Authority (SBSA) is the new governing body for Sussex with a mayor due to be elected in 2028. We will work in partnership with local councils, to drive investment for transport, housing, better skills, jobs and much more. It also gives Sussex a stronger voice in national decision-making and securing more funding.

What is this consultation about?

We are seeking your views on the draft Prosperity Strategy for Sussex and Brighton, which sets out a broader vision of prosperity than economic growth alone: affordable homes, reliable and sustainable energy, good jobs with real routes to progress, support for businesses of every size, and care for the land, coast and countryside we all depend on, through four pathways and proposed priorities for action. We want to know whether it reflects what matters to you, your community or your organisation, and how it could be improved.

If you would like a different version of the Prosperity Strategy, please get in touch with us at consultations@sussexandbrighton-cca.gov.uk.

What can you influence?

This consultation aims to gather feedback from residents, businesses, and stakeholders to:

- ensure the proposed direction is right;
- identify improvements and gaps;
- understand which priorities matter most and what they would mean in practice;
- explore the contribution SBSA can make; and
- gather ideas and offers of involvement in the future

What happens next?

Your feedback will help us refine the Prosperity Strategy before we adopt it. We are planning to adopt the final Prosperity Strategy in March 2027. Within 12 weeks of the consultation closing, we will aim to provide a summary of findings from the consultation on our website.

Who can respond?

Anyone can respond. You do not need to read the full strategy. Each section has a short explanation, with links if you want more detail. Some questions are mandatory, so please answer those, and any other relevant to you. Comments are optional. Please do not include personal information about yourself or anyone else in your answers.

How to respond?

There are two versions of the questionnaire to choose from:

- if you are responding as an individual;
- if you are responding on behalf of an organisation.

Your response will be most useful if it answers the questions asked, though further comments and evidence are welcome.

You can also make suggestions about improvements you'd like to see. This consultation is not a route to project support or funding, and we cannot reply individually to suggestions at this stage. We will keep them for future consideration.

Your contribution is very welcome. Thank you for taking part.

Consultation details

Issued: Monday 16 November 2026

Respond by: 23:59 on Monday 18 January 2027

Accessibility

If you would like an accessible version of the Prosperity Strategy, or this consultation in a different format or language, please email consultations@sussexandbrighton-cca.gov.uk. You can also contact us at this address if you would like to give your feedback in a different way, such as by speaking to someone.

Confidentiality, Data Protection and Use of Artificial Intelligence

Sussex & Brighton Strategic Authority is responsible for the information you provide. This consultation runs on Citizen Space, a platform provided by Delib, which handles responses on our behalf. We use your responses to develop the Prosperity Strategy as part of our public functions.

Giving your name and email address is optional, and you don't need to include personal information about yourself or anyone else. The "About you" questions are also optional. Your answers to them are kept separate from your response, reported only as overall figures, and never used to make decisions about you.

We may publish responses from organisations, including the organisation's name, but we won't publish the names or contact details of individuals. As a public authority, we may have to release information under the Freedom of Information Act, but we will always consider whether it should be withheld first.

To help manage the number of responses, we will use Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools to group responses into themes and summarise them. AI will not decide which views matter or make decisions about the strategy, and our team will check the results against the original responses to make sure all views are fairly reflected. You are welcome to use AI tools to help you write your response, but please make sure it reflects your own views and experiences. All responses will be considered, however they have been written.

We will keep responses for 12 months after the final strategy is published. To see, correct or delete your information, contact dpo@sussexandbrighton-cca.gov.uk. Our full privacy notice explains how we process personal data.

Section One: Introduction

Before you give us your views, we'd like to know a little about how much of the draft Prosperity Strategy you've seen and where you're from. This helps us understand who is responding and make sure we hear from people across Sussex. You don't have to have read the whole strategy to take part. Your views are welcome however much you have read.

1. **Have you read any of the draft Prosperity Strategy?**
   You can access the draft Prosperity Strategy and prospectus on the Consultation Site front page.
   You can continue whichever option you choose.

(Required)

- ☐ All of it
- ☐ Some of it
- ☐ Prospectus
- ☐ None of it

2. Which parts of Sussex does your response relate to?

Select all that apply.

(Required)

☐ Brighton and Hove

☐ East Sussex

☐ West Sussex

☐ Brighton and Hove, East Sussex and West Sussex

☐ Links with places outside the region

☐ Other please state below:

Write in

3. Are you answering this consultation on behalf of an organisation or a group?

(Required)

☐ No, I am responding as an individual **> GO TO QUESTION 4 ON PAGE 7 IN THE SECTION 'INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES'**

☐ Yes, I am responding on behalf of an organisation

☐ Yes, I am responding on behalf of an informal group, such as a community or social media group

If you selected 'Yes', please provide the name of the organisation or group

Click or tap here to enter text.

If you selected 'Yes', please provide the email address of the organisation or group: > '**THEN GO TO QUESTION 4, PAGE 24 IN THE SECTION 'ORGANISATIONAL RESPONSES'**

Click or tap here to enter text.

Individual responses

Section One: Introduction Continued

4. How did you hear about this consultation?
Select all that apply

☐ SBSA website
☐ SBSA email
☐ Newsletter
☐ Social media
☐ Other please state below:

Write in

5. Providing your name and email address is optional. If you would like to hear from us, please select all that apply:

☐ SBSA newsletter
☐ Future SBSA consultations
☐ Outcome update
☐ Follow up contact about a suggestion
☐ None of the above
☐ Other please state below:

Write in

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6. What is your name?
(Optional)

Write in

7. What is your email address?
(Optional)

Write in

Section Two: Shared future

The Strategy sets out a vision of fair, shared and lasting prosperity across Sussex. It describes prosperity in Sussex as:

“People, place, the economy and nature being resilient and thriving together, now and in the future.”

In plain terms, this means a good quality of life for everyone, a strong local economy and a healthy environment, now and for future generations.

8. How well does this vision describe the future you would like to see for people living and working in Sussex?
(Select one)

☐ Very well

☐ Quite well

☐ Neither well nor poorly

☐ Not very well

☐ Not at all well

☐ Don’t know / not sure

9. What, if anything, is missing from this vision, or what would you change? (Optional, up to 1000 characters)

Write in

10. Which part of the vision matters most to you?
(Select up to two)

☐ People and quality of life

☐ Places and communities

☐ A strong local economy

☐ Nature and the environment

☐ Don’t know / not sure

11. How clear is the wording of this vision?

(Select one)

☐ Very clear

☐ Quite clear

☐ Neither clear nor unclear

☐ Not very clear

☐ Not at all clear

☐ Don’t know / not sure

12. What are your hopes for future generations in Sussex?

For example, you might think about jobs, homes, the environment, or quality of life.

(Optional, up to 5000 characters)

Write in

Section Three: Four pathways and the communities that support them

The draft strategy proposes four connected pathways to prosperity, supported by strong, safe, and healthy communities. The questions below ask whether each part addresses the right issues and what could be improved. You can answer whichever questions are relevant to you.

Connecting people and places:

This pathway is about how people get to jobs, learning, homes and services, and how different places link up with each other. It covers transport, internet access and how plans for housing, jobs and transport fit together.

13. How well does "Connecting people and places" cover the issues that matter for Sussex?
(Select one)

☐ Very well
☐ Quite well
☐ Neither well nor poorly
☐ Not very well
☐ Not at all well
☐ Don't know / not sure

14. How easy or difficult is it for you to get to the places you need, such as work, education, healthcare, shops and leisure?
(Select one)

☐ Very easy
☐ Quite easy
☐ Neither easy nor difficult
☐ Quite difficult
☐ Very difficult
☐ Don't know / not sure

15. What, if anything, is missing from this section, should change or get more attention? (Optional, up to 1000 characters)

Write in

Helping every generation build a future here:

This pathway is about opportunities throughout life: a strong start, routes from learning into rewarding work, opportunities to develop skills, affordable homes, and support to remain healthy and active.

16. How well does “Helping every generation build a future here” cover the issues that matter for Sussex?

(Select one)

☐ Very Well

☐ Fairly Well

☐ Neither well nor poorly

☐ Not very well

☐ Not very well at all

☐ Don’t know / not sure

17. Which of these would make the biggest difference to people of all ages living, learning and working in Sussex?

(Select up to three)

☐ More affordable homes

☐ Better start in life for children and young people

☐ More routes from education into good jobs, such as apprenticeships and work placements

☐ Support for adults to retrain or change careers

☐ Support to stay healthy and active

☐ Support for local businesses to grow and create jobs

☐ Something else (please specify)

Write in

18. Is there anything else that would help people of all ages live, learn and work here, or anything missing from this section?
(Optional, up to 1000 characters)

Write in

Enriching our living landscape:

This pathway is about the nature, culture and landscapes that make Sussex special. It covers restoring nature, taking part in culture, rural and coastal businesses, preparing for climate change, and the water and energy we will need in future.

19. How well does "Enriching our living landscape" cover the issues that matter for Sussex?
(Select one)

☐ Very well

☐ Quite well

☐ Neither well nor poorly

☐ Not very well

☐ Not at all well

☐ Don't know / not sure

20. Which of these matter the most to you for the future of Sussex's landscape?
(Select up to three)

☐ Restoring and protecting nature

☐ Access to green spaces, the countryside and the coast

☐ Culture, heritage and creative activity

☐ Support for rural and coastal businesses

☐ Preparing for climate change, such as flooding and heat

☐ Reliable water supplies

☐ Affordable, clean energy

☐ Something else (please specify)

Write in

21. What would a thriving Sussex look like to you in terms of nature, culture and landscape? Is there anything missing from this section?
(Optional, up to 2000 characters)

Write in

22. Is there anything you think should be added, changed or given more attention to this pathway?
(Optional, up to 2000 characters)

Write in

Backing business across Sussex and Brighton:

This pathway is about helping businesses to start, stay, adapt and grow. It covers new ideas (innovation), skills, finance, premises and infrastructure, with the aim of creating good jobs and sharing the benefits of business success.

23. How well does "Backing business across Sussex and Brighton" cover the issues that matter for Sussex?

(Select one)

☐ Very well

☐ Quite well

☐ Neither well nor poorly

☐ Not very well

☐ Not at all well

☐ Don’t know / not sure

24. How easy or difficult is it for you to find work, income or business opportunities in Sussex?

(Select one)

☐ Very easy

☐ Quite easy

☐ Neither easy nor difficult

☐ Quite difficult

☐ Very difficult

☐ Not applicable to me

☐ Don’t know / not sure

25. Over the next five years, do you think the economy where you live will get better or worse?

(Select one)

☐ Will get much better

☐ Will get a little better

☐ Will stay about the same

☐ Will get a little worse

☐ Will get much worse

☐ Don’t know / not sure

26. Which of these would do the most to help businesses and jobs in Sussex?

(Select up to three)

☐ Help for new businesses to start up

☐ Support for existing businesses to grow

☐ Access to finance and investment

☐ Affordable workspace and premises

☐ Skills and training that match what employers need

☐ Better transport, digital and energy infrastructure

☐ Support for new ideas and innovation

☐ Ensuring local people benefit from good jobs

☐ Something else (please specify)

Write in

27. What, if anything, is missing from this section, or should get more attention? (Optional, up to 2000 characters)

Write in

Strong, safe and healthy communities:

This section is about the things that help people take part in local life and share in prosperity: strong relationships, community organisations, good health and safety. It also covers preventing problems and being ready for emergencies, and it supports all four pathways.

28. How well does “Strong, safe and healthy communities” cover the issues that matter for Sussex?

(Select one)

☐ Very well

☐ Quite well

☐ Neither well nor poorly

☐ Not very well

☐ Not at all well

☐ Don’t know / not sure

29. Which of these would do the most to build strong, safe and healthy communities in Sussex?

(Select up to three)

☐ Support for local groups, charities and volunteers

☐ Places and events where people can meet

☐ Feeling safe where I live

☐ Access to health and wellbeing services

☐ Preventing problems early, such as support for people at risk of crisis

☐ Being prepared for emergencies such as floods, severe weather or power cuts

☐ Something else (please specify)

Write in

30. How confident are you that local problems, such as safety concerns, are heard and acted on?

(Select one)

☐ Very confident

☐ Quite confident

☐ Neither confident nor unconfident

☐ Not very confident

☐ Not at all confident

☐ Don’t know / not sure

31. What would give you more confidence that local problems are being heard and acted on? What should the Authority do differently as it takes on fire and policing responsibilities?
(Optional, up to 1000 characters)

Write in

32. What, if anything, is missing from this section, or should get more attention?
(Optional, up to 2000 characters)

Write in

Section Four: Priorities

The draft Prosperity Strategy proposes priorities for the Sussex & Brighton Strategic Authority (SBSA) and its partners. Your views will help us understand which matter most, why, and whether anything important is missing. This is not a vote to decide the final priorities.

33. For each theme, which one priority would make the biggest difference to you, your family or your community?
(Select one in each theme. If none of the priorities in a theme matter to you, choose “None of these”).

Connecting people and places

☐ Make east-west journeys faster and more dependable

☐ Make every day journeys work better for more people

☐ Deliver affordable homes with the infrastructure communities need

☐ None of these

☐ Don’t know / not sure

Helping every generation build a future here

☐ Build skills for secure futures and changing working lives

☐ Rewire support around people, families and neighbourhoods

☐ None of these

☐ Don't know / not sure

Enriching our living landscape

☐ Lead a movement for nature and prosperity on land and at sea

☐ Secure the water and energy infrastructure our future depends on

☐ Make culture a stronger part of every place's future

☐ None of these

☐ Don't know / not sure

Backing business across Sussex and Brighton

☐ Turn Sussex and Brighton's innovation strengths into local growth

☐ Enable more local businesses to invest, adapt and reach new markets

Strong, safe and healthy communities

☐ Connect community organisations to the decisions that shape Sussex and Brighton

☐ Pioneer a place-led approach to community safety and resilience

☐ None of these

☐ Don't know / not sure

34. Why did you choose these? Is there an important priority missing, or one that should change? (Optional, up to 2000 characters)

Write in

Section Five: Overall views on Sussex & Brighton Strategic Authority's role and contribution

SBSA works with local councils, businesses, communities and other organisations on issues that affect more than one area, or that are better tackled together. It helps set priorities, brings people together, coordinates work and invests money where it can make a difference. Other organisations and communities also have an important role to play.

35. From what you have read, how clear is the draft Strategy about what SBSA can do to improve things across Sussex?
(Select one)
☐ Very clear
☐ Quite clear
☐ Neither clear nor unclear
☐ Not very clear
☐ Not at all clear
☐ Don't know / not sure

36. Which of these should SBSA focus on most?
(Select up to two)
☐ Setting shared priorities for Sussex and Brighton
☐ Bringing councils, businesses and communities together
☐ Coordinating work so that different areas and organisations join up
☐ Investing money where it can make the biggest difference
☐ Making sure local people's views are heard in decisions
☐ Don't know / not sure (exclusive)
☐ Something else (please specify)

Write in

37. Where could working together across Sussex make the biggest difference? (Optional, up to 1000 characters)

Write in

38. Is there anything else you would like to comment on the draft Strategy?
(Optional, up to 2000 characters)

Write in

Section Six: Ideas and involvement for the future

This section is for ideas or projects you would like Sussex and Brighton Strategic Authority (SBSA) to consider. Your suggestions may help shape future plans, partnerships and investment. Sharing an idea does not guarantee funding or a reply. If you have nothing to add, select “Continue”.

39. Do you have an idea, project suggestion or offer of help to share?
(Optional, up to 3000 characters)

For example, an idea for how the Strategy could be put into action, a project that needs investment, or an offer to share skills or work together. Please tell us what it would help with, where it would apply and who might need to be involved. If it means something in the Strategy should change, tell us what.

Write in

40. May SBSA contact you in future about the suggestion or offer you submitted? Selecting ‘yes’ does not guarantee we will contact you.
(optional)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Section seven: About You

These questions are optional. You can skip any or all of them. If you do answer, it helps us understand who has taken part, where views differ and which voices we are hearing less from. We will use your answers to understand the results, not to give anyone's views more weight than anyone else's.

41. What is your age?

(Select one)

(optional)

☐ 0-15

☐ 16-24

☐ 25-34

☐ 35-44

☐ 45-54

☐ 55-64

☐ 75-84

☐ 85 plus

42. What is your sex?

(By sex we mean the sex recorded on your birth certificate or Gender Recognition Certificate)

(optional)

☐ Female

☐ Male

43. Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

(optional)

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Prefer not to say

If no, please enter gender identity

44. What is your ethnic group?

(optional)

(Choose one option that best describes your ethnic group or background)

☐ White- English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British

☐ White- Irish

☐ White- Gypsy or Irish Traveller

☐ Any other White background, please describe

☐ Mixed- White and Black Caribbean

☐ Mixed- White and Black African

☐ Mixed- White and Asian

☐ Any other Mixed / Multiple ethnic background, please describe

☐ Asian- Indian

☐ Asian- Pakistani

☐ Asian- Chinese

☐ Any other Asian background, please describe

☐ Black- African

☐ Black- Caribbean

☐ Any other Black /African /Caribbean background, please describe

☐ Arab

☐ Any other ethnic group background, please describe

45. Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last for 12 months or more?

☐ Yes GO TO QUESTION 48

☐ No GO TO QUESTION 49

46. Does your condition or illness\do any of your conditions or illnesses reduce your ability to carry-out day-to-day activities?

☐ Yes, a lot

☐ Yes, a little

47. Which of the following options best describes how you think of yourself?

(optional)

☐ Heterosexual or Straight

☐ Gay or Lesbian

☐ Bisexual

☐ Other

☐ Prefer not to say

If you need to submit this copy of your response or a paper copy please contact: consultations@sussexandbrighton-cca.gov.uk

By submitting your response, you give us permission to analyse and include your response in our results. After you submit your response, you will no longer be able to go back and change any of your answers.

More information about the submission of your response will be included if you use the online form to reply.

Thank you for your response.

Organisational responses

This route follows ‘Section One: Introduction’ (questions 1 to 3), which is the same for everyone. Anyone who answers “Yes” to question 1 is routed here. Questions 4 to 6 are for organisations only. Question 20 is only shown to respondents who select “Business” at question 4. Wherever possible, wording, answer scales, and section numbers match the individual route, so responses can be compared.

Section One (continued): About your organisation

These questions help us understand who has responded and how views differ between types of organisation.

4. What type of organisation are you responding from?

(Required, select one)

- ☐ Business
- ☐ Voluntary, community or social enterprise
- ☐ Local council, town council or parish council
- ☐ College, university or skills provider
- ☐ Health or care organisation
- ☐ Environment, nature or culture organisation
- ☐ Transport, utility or infrastructure provider
- ☐ Membership, representative or trade body
- ☐ Informal community group
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Write in

5. Roughly how many people work or volunteer for your organisation?

(Optional, select one)

- ☐ Just me
- ☐ 2 to 9
- ☐ 10 to 49
- ☐ 50 to 249
- ☐ 250 or more
- ☐ Not applicable

6. Are you answering for your own organisation only, or on behalf of a group of members, partners or the people you support?

(Optional, select one)

- ☐ My own organisation only
- ☐ Members, partners or the people we support
- ☐ Both

7. If you are answering for others, please say roughly how many, and how you gathered their views. How many people you are responding on behalf of, approximately:

Write in

Please use this text box to explain how you gathered their views:

Write in

Section Two: Shared future

The Strategy aims for fair, shared and sustainable prosperity across Sussex. It defines prosperity in Sussex as:

“people, place, the economy and nature being resilient and thriving together, now and in the future.”

8. How well does this ambition reflect what prosperity should mean for Sussex and Brighton?

(Select one)

- ☐ Very Well
- ☐ Quite Well
- ☐ Neither well nor poorly
- ☐ Not very well
- ☐ Not at all well
- ☐ Don’t know / not sure

9. What, if anything, is missing from this vision, or what would you change? (optional, up to 2000 characters)

Write in

10. Which part of the vision matters most to your organisation’s work?

(Select up to two)

- ☐ People and quality of life
- ☐ Places and communities
- ☐ A strong local economy
- ☐ Nature and the environment

☐ Don’t know / not sure

11. How clear is the wording of this vision?
(Select one)
☐ Very clear
☐ Quite clear
☐ Neither clear nor unclear
☐ Not very clear
☐ Not at all clear
☐ Don’t know / not sure

12. What are your organisation's hopes for future generations in Sussex? For example, you might think about jobs, homes, the environment, or quality of life.
(Optional, up to 5000 characters)

Write in

Section Three: Four pathways and the communities that support them

The draft strategy proposes four connected pathways to prosperity, supported by strong, safe, and healthy communities. The questions below ask whether each part addresses the right issues and what could be improved. You can answer whichever questions are relevant to you. Each section should include a link to the corresponding part of the draft strategy.

Connecting people and places:

This pathway is about how people reach jobs, learning, homes and services, and how places connect with one another. It includes transport, digital access and better coordination of housing, employment and infrastructure.

13. How well does “Connecting people and places” reflect the main issues and priorities that need to be addressed in Sussex?

(Select one)

☐ Very well

☐ Quite well

☐ Neither well nor poorly

☐ Not very well

☐ Not at all well

☐ Don’t know / not sure

14. What do you think the biggest challenge will be in planning for the future of our area? Do you have any views about how we can overcome this challenge?

(Optional, up to 2000 characters)

Write in

15. What are the main challenges that affect the connectivity for organisations/businesses across Sussex?

(Optional, up to 2000 characters)

Write in

16. Is there anything you think should be added, changed or given more attention in this pathway?

(Optional, up to 2000 characters)

Write in

Helping every generation build a future here:

This pathway is about opportunities throughout life: a strong start, routes from learning into rewarding work, opportunities to develop skills, affordable homes, and support to remain healthy and active.

17. How well does “Helping every generation build a future here” reflect the main issues and priorities that need to be addressed in Sussex ?

Select one

☐ Very Well

☐ Fairly Well

☐ Neither well nor poorly

☐ Not very well

☐ Not very well at all

☐ Don’t know / not sure

18. Which of these would make the biggest difference to the people your organisation employs, supports or serves?

(Select up to three)

☐ More affordable homes

☐ Better start in life for children and young people

☐ More routes from education into good jobs, such as apprenticeships and work placements

☐ Support for adults to retrain or change careers

☐ Support to stay healthy and active

☐ Support for local businesses to grow and create jobs

☐ Something else (please specify)

Write in

19. Does your business face challenges recruiting staff, developing employee skills and supporting their career progression? If yes, please specify

(Optional, up to 2000 characters)

Write in

20. Is there anything you think should be added, changed or given more attention in this pathway?

(Optional, up to 2000 characters)

Write in

Enriching our living landscape:

This pathway is about the natural and cultural assets that shape Sussex and Brighton. It brings together nature recovery, cultural participation, rural and coastal enterprise, and resilience to climate change, alongside the water and energy systems needed for the future.

21. How well do you think "Enriching our living landscape" reflects the main issues and priorities that need to be addressed in Sussex ?

(Select one)

☐ Very well

☐ Quite well

☐ Neither well nor poorly

☐ Not very well

☐ Not at all well

☐ Don't know / not sure

22. Which of these matter the most to your organisation or the people you work with for the future of Sussex landscape?

(Select up to three)

☐ Restoring and protecting nature

☐ Access to green spaces, the countryside and the coast

☐ Culture, heritage and creative activity

☐ Support for rural and coastal businesses

☐ Preparing for climate change, such as flooding and heat

☐ Reliable water supplies

☐ Affordable, clean energy

☐ Something else (please specify)

Write in

23. What would a thriving Sussex look like to you in terms of nature, culture and landscape, including rural and coastal areas?

(Optional, up to 2000 characters)

Write in

24. Should rural and coastal areas have their own focus in the Strategy, or should they be built into every pathway?

(Select one)

☐ Their own focus

☐ Built into every pathway

☐ Both

☐ Not sure

Please say why. (Optional, up to 2000 characters)

Write in

25. Is there anything you think should be added, changed or given more attention to this pathway?

(Optional, up to 2000 characters)

Write in

Backing business across Sussex and Brighton:

This pathway is about the conditions that help businesses start, stay, adapt and grow. It includes innovation, skills, finance, premises and infrastructure, with the aim of creating good work and spreading the benefits of business success.

26. How well do you think "Backing business across Sussex and Brighton" reflects the main issues and priorities that need to be addressed in Sussex ?

(Select one)

☐ Very well

☐ Quite well

☐ Neither well nor poorly

☐ Not very well

☐ Not at all well

☐ Don't know / not sure

27. Over the next 12 months, do you expect your business to grow, stay the same or shrink? Answer only if you are a business

(Select one)

☐ Grow significantly

☐ Grow a little

☐ Stay about the same

☐ Shrink a little

☐ Shrink significantly

☐ Don't know / not sure

28. Which of these would do the most to help businesses and jobs in Sussex?

(Select up to three)

- ☐ Help for new businesses to start up
- ☐ Support for existing businesses to grow
- ☐ Access to finance and investment
- ☐ Affordable workspace and premises
- ☐ Skills and training that match what employers need
- ☐ Better transport, digital and energy infrastructure
- ☐ Support for new ideas and innovation
- ☐ Ensuring local people benefit from good jobs
- ☐ Something else (please specify)

Write in

29. What, if anything, is currently the biggest barrier to your organisation growing, investing or delivering its work? (Optional, up to 2500 characters)

Write in

Strong, safe and healthy communities:

This section is about the things that help people take part in local life and share in prosperity: strong relationships, community organisations, good health and safety. It also covers preventing problems and being ready for emergencies, and it supports all four pathways.

30. How well does “Strong, safe and healthy communities” reflect the issues that matter for Sussex?

(Select one)

☐ Very Well

☐ Fairly Well

☐ Neither well nor poorly

☐ Not very well

☐ Not at all well

☐ Don't Know

31. Which of these would do the most to build strong, safe and healthy communities in Sussex?

(Select up to three)

☐ Support for local groups, charities and volunteers

☐ Places and events where people can meet

☐ Feeling safe where I live

☐ Access to health and wellbeing services

☐ Preventing problems early, such as support for people at risk of crisis

☐ Being prepared for emergencies such as floods, severe weather or power cuts

☐ Something else (please specify)

32. How does your organisation help communities to be strong, safe and healthy? How could SBSA and partners better support or connect with you, including as SBSA takes on fire and policing responsibilities?

(Optional, up to 2000 characters)

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33. Is there anything you think should be added, changed or given more attention in this pathway?

(Optional, up to 2000 characters)

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Section Four: Priorities

The draft Prosperity Strategy proposes priorities for the Sussex & Brighton Strategic Authority (SBSA) and its partners. Your views will help us understand which matter most, why, and whether anything important is missing. This is not a vote to decide the final priorities.

34. For each theme, which one priority would make the biggest difference to your organisation and the people or communities you work with?

(Select one in each theme. If none of the priorities in a theme matter to you, choose “None of these”.)

Connecting people and places

- ☐ Make east-west journeys faster and more dependable
- ☐ Make every day journeys work better for more people
- ☐ Deliver affordable homes with the infrastructure communities need
- ☐ None of these
- ☐ Don’t know / not sure

Helping every generation build a future here

- ☐ Build skills for secure futures and changing working lives
- ☐ Rewire support around people, families and neighbourhoods
- ☐ None of these
- ☐ Don’t know / not sure

Enriching our living landscape

- ☐ Lead a movement for nature and prosperity on land and at sea
- ☐ Secure the water and energy infrastructure our future depends on
- ☐ Make culture a stronger part of every place’s future

☐ None of these

☐ Don’t know / not sure

Backing business across Sussex and Brighton

☐ Turn Sussex and Brighton’s innovation strengths into local growth

☐ Enable more local businesses to invest, adapt and reach new markets

☐ None of these

☐ Don’t know / not sure

Strong, safe and healthy communities

☐ Connect community organisations to the decisions that shape Sussex and Brighton

☐ Pioneer a place-led approach to community safety and resilience

☐ None of these

☐ Don’t know / not sure

35. Why did you choose these? Is there an important priority missing, or one that should change? (Optional, up to 2000 characters)

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36. Could your organisation help deliver any of these priorities? For example, funding, skills, planning, data, partnerships or other ways.

For example, funding, skills, planning, data, partnerships or changes to rules or processes:

(Optional, up to 2500 characters)

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Section Five: Overall views on Sussex & Brighton Strategic Authority's role and contribution

SBSA works with councils, businesses, communities and partners on issues that cross boundaries or benefit from regional action. Its role includes setting direction, coordinating responsibilities, convening partners and using devolved investment. Other organisations and communities retain important roles.

37. From what you have read, how clear is the draft Strategy about the contribution SBSA will play in improving outcomes across Sussex?
(Select one)

☐ Very clear

☐ Quite clear

☐ Neither clear nor unclear

☐ Not very clear

☐ Not at all clear

☐ Don't know / not sure

38. Where could working together across the region make the biggest difference? What should SBSA do alongside councils, organisations and communities to achieve this?
(Optional, up to 2000 characters)

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39. Is there anything else you would like to comment on about the draft Strategy?

(Optional, up to 2000 characters)

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40. **Which of these should SBSA focus on most?**

(Select up to two)

☐ Setting shared priorities for Sussex and Brighton

☐ Bringing councils, businesses and communities together

☐ Coordinating work so that different areas and organisations join up

☐ Investing money where it can make the biggest difference

☐ Making sure local people's views are heard in decisions

☐ Something else (please specify)

☐ Don't know / not sure (exclusive)

If you selected "Something else, please provide details:

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Section Six: Ideas and involvement for the future

This section collects suggestions and offers that may be useful as Sussex and Brighton Strategic Authority (SBSA) develops delivery plans, partnerships and investment proposals. We will keep them for consideration at an appropriate stage. Submitting an idea does not secure funding, approval or an individual assessment. We will not respond to each proposal during this consultation. Where an idea also suggests a change to the strategy, please explain that connection.

41. Do you have an idea, project suggestion or offer of help to share?

For example, an idea for how the Strategy could be put into action, a project that needs investment, or an offer to share skills or work together. Please tell us what it would help with, where it would apply and who might need to be involved. If it means something in the Strategy should change, tell us what.
If yes please provide details:
(Optional, up to 3000 characters)

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42. How might your organisation like to be involved in future?

Select all that apply

- ☐ Share data or evidence
- ☐ Co-invest or match fund
- ☐ Pilot or test an idea
- ☐ Host events or provide space
- ☐ Advise or join a working group
- ☐ Share skills or staff time

☐ Nothing at present

☐ Something else (please specify below)

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43. May SBSA contact you in future about the suggestion or offer you submitted? Selecting 'yes' does not guarantee we will contact you.

(optional)

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you need to submit this copy of your response via email or as a paper copy please contact: consultations@sussexandbrighton-cca.gov.uk

By submitting your response, you give us permission to analyse and include your response in our results. After you submit your response, you will no longer be able to go back and change any of your answers.

More information about the submission of your response will be included if you use the online form to reply.

Thank you for your response.