

UK Shared Prosperity Fund Survey

This survey is part of Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council's (BMSDC) stakeholder engagement/consultation for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and will take approximately 9 minutes to complete.

BMSDC have identified 6 thematic areas and projects as being in line with the government priorities for this fund, and we would like you to rank these in order of importance, with 1 being the highest local priority.

There then follows 3 questions from central government asking what you think the top 3 challenges that need to be prioritised in each of the next 3 years are. You will also be able to provide suggestions for interventions.

Your answers will help set our priorities and shape the investment plan.

If you have any questions about the Fund or would like a fuller discussion, please email: BMSDCEconomicdevelopment@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk

As you complete this survey, we will collect some of your personal information (as a legitimate interest under the Localism Act 2011) to help us assess and improve service delivery in the council's area and share these improvements to our services with you through regular communications. Your feedback may be included in any reports, publications and/or website updates relating to this project. Your individual responses and personal details may be shared with other local authorities in Suffolk. Any responses will be anonymised and aggregated so that no individuals can be identified. For more information, visit our website: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/the-council/your-right-to-information/>

ABOUT YOU

1. What is your name? *

Enter your answer

2. What is the name of the organisation you are responding on behalf of (where applicable)?

Enter your answer

3. Which district are your responses about? *

- Babergh
- Mid Suffolk
- Both

6 KEY PROJECT THEMES

Community Engagement and Development includes projects such as:

- Youth social prescribing
- Diversionary schemes
- Community Leadership programme
- Community digital infrastructure project
- Community Supermarkets

Town Centre and Cultural Programmes includes projects such as:

- Love Exploring app
- Stowmarket Creative Wayfinding and Placemaking
- Sudbury Creative Wayfinding
- Sudbury Sculpture Trail

Events and Festivals includes projects such as:

- Heart of Suffolk makers and producers festival
- Events & Festivals Coordination

Recruitment Support includes projects such as:

- Targeted recruitment support for businesses
- "Why not in work" app

Business Support includes projects such as:

- Flexible business demand led learning modules
- Supporting Social Enterprises to Start Up and Scale Up
- NALEP Growth Hub costs

Skills and Employability Support includes projects such as:

- Participation and Youth Employment
- Long Term Unemployed
- Apprenticeship Support
- Progression into and within the Workforce

4. With 1 being the highest local priority and 6 the lowest, place the 6 themes in your preferred order of importance

Community Engagement and Development

Town Centre and Cultural Programmes

Events and Festivals

Recruitment Support

Business Support

Skills and Employability Support

TOP 3 CHALLENGES

1. COMMUNITIES AND PLACE

Please select what you see being BMSDC's 3 greatest priorities for you and your organisation.

1. Town centres and high streets
2. Community and neighbourhood infrastructure (including green spaces, watercourses, community gardens etc)
3. Culture, arts and heritage enrichment and activities
4. Designing out crime
5. Active travel and public transport enhancement
6. Visitor economy and tourism promotion
7. Support for volunteering and social action projects
8. Sports and recreational activities and access
9. Voluntary sector skills and capacity building
10. Community engagement in key local decisions
11. Cost of living crisis
12. Digital infrastructure for local community facilities

5. What is your number 1 choice from the list above? *

Enter your answer

6. What is your number 2 choice from the list above? *

Enter your answer

7. What is your number 3 choice from the list above? *

Enter your answer

8. Please tell us any suggested projects in relation to your top 3 identified investment priorities

Enter your answer

TOP 3 CHALLENGES:

2. SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS

Please select what you see being BMSDC's 3 greatest priorities for you and your organisation.

1. Town centre and high street improvements
2. Town centre and high street business support
3. Promotion of visitor economy
4. Support towards the manufacturing sector
5. Investment in research and development
6. Support and investment to business innovation
7. Access to business support at all stages of their development to start, sustain, grow, and innovate - including through local networks
8. New and improvements to existing training hubs, business support offers, 'incubators' and 'accelerators' for local enterprise
9. International business events and conferences
10. Business support for social enterprises, communities, and business cooperatives

- 11. Export support for overseas trading
- 12. Supporting decarbonisation and improving the natural environment whilst growing the local economy
- 13. Business support to drive employment growth

9. What is your number 1 choice from the list above? *

Enter your answer

10. What is your number 2 choice from the list above? *

Enter your answer

11. What is your number 3 choice from the list above? *

Enter your answer

12. Please tell us any suggested projects in relation to your top 3 identified investment priorities

Enter your answer

TOP 3 CHALLENGES

3. PEOPLE AND SKILLS

Please select what you see being BMSDC's 3 greatest priorities for you and your organisation.

1. Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment, supplemented by additional and/or specialist life and basic skills (digital, English, maths* and ESOL) support where there are local provision gaps.
2. Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills** provision for people who are unable to access training through the adult education budget or wrap around support detailed above.
3. Supplemented by financial support for learners to enrol onto courses and complete qualifications
4. Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing
5. Essential digital skills, including communicating the benefits of getting (safely) online, and in- community support to provide users with the confidence and trust to stay online
6. Tailored support to help people in employment
7. Technical and vocational qualifications
8. Green skills courses targeted around ensuring we have the skilled workforce to achieve the government's net zero and wider environmental ambitions
9. Retraining support for those in high carbon sectors

13. What is your number 1 choice from the list above? *

Enter your answer

14. What is your number 2 choice from the list above? *

Enter your answer

15. What is your number 3 choice from the list above? *

Enter your answer

16. Please tell us any suggested projects in relation to your top 3 identified investment priorities

Enter your answer

17. Should you wish to be involved further in this work, please provide details below

Enter your answer