

# Sussex & Brighton | Strategic Authority

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## The Sussex & Brighton Strategic Authority\* Board Meeting

**Wednesday 15 April 2026 at 11:00am**

**The Anteroom, Brighton Town Hall, Bartholomew Square, Brighton, BN1 1JA**

**This meeting is open to the Press and Public**

*\* To support clear public understanding the Sussex & Brighton Combined County Authority will refer to itself as the Sussex & Brighton Strategic Authority. This terminology has been chosen because it more accurately reflects the organisation's purpose, powers, and role in regional leadership.*

*The term "Strategic Authority" provides a clearer explanation to residents, partners, and stakeholders by emphasising the Authority's focus on long term planning, place shaping, economic growth, and systemwide coordination. It also aligns with emerging national language on devolution and mirrors the terminology used across wider regional and national local government arrangements.*

*Using this title will therefore help ensure consistency, transparency, and better public recognition of the functions the Authority is responsible for delivering. This terminology will be used throughout the reports within the agenda pack for this meeting.*

### AGENDA

Item No.		Page Numbers
<b>1</b>	<b>Appointment of Members of the Sussex &amp; Brighton Strategic Authority</b>	<b>3 - 6</b>
	To receive appointments from each Constituent Council of two members to the Sussex & Brighton Strategic Authority	
<b>2</b>	<b>Appointment of the Chair and the Vice-Chair(s)</b>	<b>7 - 10</b>
	To appoint a Chair and Vice-Chairs for proceedings of the Sussex & Brighton Strategic Authority	
<b>3</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest</b>	
	To receive any apologies for absence and any declarations of interest	
<b>4</b>	<b>Governance of the Sussex &amp; Brighton Strategic Authority</b> Report by the Strategic Governance and Assurance Lead	<b>11 - 200</b>
	The purpose of this item is to confirm how the Strategic Authority will make decisions, operate and be held accountable so that it can run effectively and transparently.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Proposed Statutory Officer Structure</b> Report by the Strategic Organisational Design and Development Lead	<b>201 - 206</b>
	The purpose of the interim statutory officer appointments is to make sure the Authority has the legally required officers in place so it can operate effectively and within the regulations from the start.	

<b>6</b>	<b>Budget (Medium Term Financial Plan) and Audit Appointments</b> Report by the Strategic Finance Lead	207 - 244
	The purpose of the Budget and Audit Appointments item is to agree the Authority's financial plan for the immediate future and confirm who will carry out its independent audit work.	
<b>7</b>	<b>The Strategic Framework</b> Report by the Strategic Policy, Strategy and Investment Lead	245 - 250
	The purpose of the strategic framework item is to set out the Authority's overall direction, priorities, and the approach it will use to guide its work.	

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## Membership of the Sussex & Brighton Strategic Authority

<b>Councillor Bella Sankey</b> Leader of Brighton & Hove City Council	Brighton & Hove City Council
<b>Councillor Jacob Taylor</b> Deputy Leader of Brighton & Hove City Council	Brighton & Hove City Council
<b>Councillor Keith Glazier</b> Leader of East Sussex County Council	East Sussex County Council
<b>Councillor Nick Bennett</b> Deputy Leader of East Sussex County Council	East Sussex County Council
<b>Councillor Paul Marshall</b> Leader of West Sussex County Council	West Sussex County Council
<b>Councillor Deborah Urquhart</b> Deputy Leader of West Sussex County Council	West Sussex County Council

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