

BUSINESS SUPPORT

Information for all city businesses

[Free Local Support](#)

Brighton & Hove City Council is responsible for key services that offer free support for all city businesses, including:

The Business & Intellectual Property Centre (BIPC)

- Located on 1st Floor of Jubilee Library, Jubilee Street, Brighton, BN1 1GE
- Open 10-5, Monday-Thursday, but contactable at other times via bipc@brighton-hove.gov.uk
- Offers:
 - Access to business experts who can offer 1-2-1 sessions on topics that matter to your business
 - A regular programme of events, workshops and networking opportunities
 - Access to business databases and information to help you grow
 - Information on intellectual property.

Brighton & Hove Growth Hub

- A digital service focused on scaling up city businesses and supporting them to grow, visit website [here](#) or email economic.development@brighton-hove.gov.uk.
- Offers:
 - Events calendar - showcasing range of free events for businesses
 - Enquiry form – a dedicated contact form that comes straight through to the Economic Development team at the council
 - Scale-up support – access to experts in scaling and growing business, accessing finance and attracting investment to meet your business aspirations

[Free National Support](#)

The UK Government has launched the [Business Growth Service \(BGS\)](#). The BGS has been set up to support you in starting a business; running and growing a business; selling overseas from the UK; and investing and expanding in the UK.



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Find the right support for your business

Every business benefits from easy access to trusted information, expertise and services. Tell us what stage you're at to get started.

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Useful Contacts – Internal

Team / Department	Contact Details	Website	Additional Information
Business Rates	Business Rates - Contact us about business rates (online form); or nndr@brighton-hove.gov.uk	Business rates	Business rates is a national tax administered locally by the council (A guide to business rates 2025)
Commercial Property	brighton@shw.co.uk	Commercial property and farmland	Council commercial property estate is managed by SHW on behalf of the council
Community Safety	Community.Safety@brighton-hove.gov.uk	Community Safety Partnership	Report anti-social behaviour, exploitation, serious violent crime or suspicious behaviour
Environmental Health	ehl.environmentalprotection@brighton-hove.gov.uk	Environmental health	The environmental health team is responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • food safety • health and safety in commercial premises • responding to complaints of noise nuisance, pollution control • licensing
Environment Services	Report a problem (online form)	Business Waste	Responsible for rubbish, recycling, garden, bulky and trade waste collections. We also keep the city's public toilets and streets clean, remove graffiti and undertake environmental enforcement activities
Events	eventsinfo@brighton-hove.gov.uk	Outdoor events on council-owned land	Information on outdoor events on council-owned land
Highways	highwaybasicmaintenance@brighton-hove.gov.uk	Roads and highways	Maintaining roads and highways across the city
Planning	Planning.applications@brighton-hove.gov.uk	Planning	Search for a planning application, get planning advice and contact building control
Seafront Office	seafrontoffice@brighton-hove.gov.uk	The Seafront Office	From Hove Lawns to Saltdean undercliff, the Seafront Office is responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • advice and enforcement • operating the lifeguard service (seasonal) • beach huts and boat lockers • seafront playgrounds • seafront maintenance and repairs • the Bandstand • seafront sports facilities
Trading Standards	Trading.standards@brighton-hove.gov.uk	Trading standards	Find approved traders, get a licence to store and sell fireworks and get business advice.
VisitBrighton	events@visitbrighton.com	VisitBrighton: Brighton's official tourism site	VisitBrighton tourism marketing organisation for the City of Brighton & Hove promoting the city as a destination to visitors from the UK and around the world through a variety of media, including PR, print and online marketing.

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Useful Contacts – External

Organisation	Contact Details	Website	Additional Information
Brighton Chamber	Sarah Springford CEO ceo@brightonchamber.co.uk	Brighton and Hove Chamber of Commerce Business Networking	Brighton Chamber provides a range of services, including networking events, training workshops and expert advice tailored to the needs of local businesses.
Brilliant Brighton BID	Gavin Stewart Chief Executive Officer gavin.stewart@brightonbid.com	About - Brilliant Brighton	Brilliant Brighton (also known as Brighton Business Improvement District or BID for short) is a not-for-profit organisation formed of 517 businesses including shops, salons, bars, cafes and restaurants within Brighton city centre, who contribute and come together to make Brilliant Brighton a fantastic place to work, live and visit.
Sussex Chamber of Commerce	Ana Christie Chief Executive ana.christie@sussexchamberofcommerce.co.uk	www.sussexchamberofcommerce.co.uk	The Sussex Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to supporting growth, innovation and collaboration. Through expert advice, professional training, networking opportunities and advocacy, the Chamber connects businesses of all sizes to the tools and resources they need to thrive.
Barclays Eagle Labs	Rohun Bouri Brighton Lab Manager rohun@eaglelabsnetwork.com Andy Roberts Brighton Ecosystem Manager andrew.roberts2@barclays.com Claire Johnson Crawley, Hove and Worthing Ecosystem Manager claire.johnson5@barclays.com	Welcome to Barclays Eagle Labs Barclays Eagle Labs	Barclays Eagle Labs in Brighton is a vibrant co-working space and business incubator. It offers entrepreneurs and startups access to state-of-the-art facilities, including super-fast Wi-Fi, meeting rooms, and event spaces, as well as growth programmes and mentorship opportunities. Members benefit from a collaborative environment designed to foster innovation and business growth.
FreedomWorks	Jon Trigg Founder & Managing Director jon@freedomworks.space Kirsty Painter Head of Business Support kirsty@freedomworks.space	www.freedomworks.space	Freedom Works is a coworking space in Brighton that offers flexible work environments for freelancers, startups, and established businesses. Located in the heart of the city, it provides amenities such as high-speed internet, meeting rooms, and networking opportunities to support productivity and collaboration.
The Werks	Martin Bouette Co-Founder martin@werksgroup.org.uk Ian Elwick Co-Founder ian@werksgroup.org.uk	www.werksgroup.org.uk	Dedicated offices, music studios, maker spaces, co working and meeting spaces for creative individuals and local businesses across the city of Brighton, Hove and Lewes.
Projects	Alex Young Director hello@projectsclub.co.uk	www.projectsclub.co.uk	Coworking, private offices, meeting rooms, event spaces, community and stakeholder engagement and events.

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Restaurants Brighton	Ivanka Majic ivanka@harveymajic.digital	restaurantsbrighton.co.uk	Restaurants Brighton was created in September 2011 as a guide to gather and share information about nice places to eat out in Brighton, Hove and Sussex.
Plus X Innovation Brighton	Jim Hodge Interim Head of Core Programmes jimhodge@plusxinnovation.com Toby Kress Programmes Director tobykress@plusxinnovation.com	About us Plus X Innovation	Plus X Innovation is a dynamic workspace designed to drive creativity, collaboration, and business growth. This innovation hub offers flexible coworking spaces, advanced prototyping workshops and expert-led support programmes tailored to help businesses thrive.
Help to Grow University of Brighton	Adam Jones Director Help to Grow aj48@brighton.ac.uk	Help to Grow	Help to Grow is a 90% Government funded course for business leaders, provided by experts at the University of Brighton. A 12-week programme is taught online and face to face and allows people to take a step back from their business to find opportunities and work on an actionable growth plan.
Sussex Innovation	Claire Pasquill Deputy CEO claire.pasquill@sussexinnovation.co.uk Nigel Lambe CEO nigel.lambe@sussexinnovation.co.uk	Sussex Innovation Business Growth Support, Networking & Spaces	Based at the University of Sussex, Sussex Innovation is a business support organisation and innovation hub that helps ambitious companies grow and scale. They provide a combination of expert consultancy, mentorship, market research and flexible office space. Whether an early-stage startup or an established business looking to innovate or expand.
Federation of Small Businesses (FSB)	Alison Turner Development Manager Sussex Alison.Turner@fsb.org.uk	The Federation of Small Businesses	The FSB provides national and local support for small businesses, including access to business banking, legal advice, and networking opportunities. Their advocacy work ensures the voice of small businesses is heard.
Innovate UK	Ameesha Bhugwande Innovation and Growth Specialist ameesha.bhugwande@iukbg.ukri.org	Innovate UK – UKRI	Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation, is the UK's innovation agency and part of the UK Government's Department for Science, Innovation, and Technology. They help companies to grow through their development and commercialisation of new products, processes and services, supported by an innovation ecosystem that is agile, inclusive and easy to navigate.
Enterprise Nation	Matt Williams Head of Partnership Development hello@enterprisenation.com	Expert support for small businesses in the UK Enterprise Nation	Bringing new energy to high-street businesses in the UK. Helping small businesses thrive on the high street – through expert support, smart energy advice and practical tools to grow sustainably.
Brighton Crime Reduction Partnership	Sarah Morris Daytime Intelligence Manager sarah.morris@bcrpbrighton.com	Facebook Online Flipbook	Uniting businesses, the police and local partners to create a safer Brighton. Through shared intelligence and

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			targeted action, they help prevent crime, reduce anti-social behaviour and protect staff and customers – making safety a shared responsibility.
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