

**To all town and parish councils in Sussex & Surrey**

**Survey 2020**

Member councils will be aware that at its November meeting the SSALC Board commissioned a Strategy Review to take place during 2020 examining all aspects of the work of SSALC.

The first stage was the training survey completed by many of our member councils providing helpful guidance for that part of the Review, the results of which were published in November.

In order to assist with other SSALC activities it would be most helpful if you could complete this survey, the questions posed relate directly to the Review and will provide guidance and direction to the SSALC Board in determining future strategy. May I request that the form is returned to me no later than Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Trevor Leggo, CEO, SSALC, January 2020

**1. Do you find access to staff in the SSALC office easily available by phone or email ?**

**Yes**

**No**

**Any comments or suggestions you might have**

**2. Do all your councillors have access to the SSALC website using the password provided annually to your Council ?**

**Yes**

**No**

**If you have answered 'No' please provide a reason**

**3. A Newsletter is published, normally on a weekly basis. Do you find it useful ?**

**Yes**

**No**

**Any comments or suggestions regarding its content or availability**

4. SS ALC provides access to professional advice, ie legal, finance or HR on a discounted fee basis, do you find this service of value, have you used it recently or what would you like to see provided differently ? Your comments on this will be particularly useful in the forthcoming exercise to 'market test'.

Comments or suggestions

5. SSALC provides modest financial support for the District Associations in Sussex; some DALCs are better supported than others and it would be most helpful to understand why this is; it could be content, location of meetings or some other set of reasons but DALCs exist for the benefit of member councils. [ **Sussex councils only** ]

Does your Council attend its DALC meeting ?      Yes                              No

Do you receive feedback from Sussex ALC Directors who attend the DALCs ?

Yes    No

What do you think might be done to improve attendance ?

Comments :

6. In future to create capacity, it might be advantageous for local councils to cluster together for a purpose, each would still retain its sovereignty as an individual council but share resources as appropriate. Can you foresee your Council going down this path in the next 4 years ?

Yes    No

Comments :

7. Part of the Review will look at SSALC staffing and whether we are equipped with the skills and experience needed to meet the requirements of our members; for example we do not currently have expertise in availability of grants or climate change. Are these areas where you believe your Council would benefit if such expertise was available through SSALC ?

Yes    No

Comments;

8. In Sussex there is significant engagement with Sussex Police and the PCC leading to all local councils having the opportunity for direct contact with the Chief Constable every 6 months and involvement in the PCC's Focus Groups. Do you believe this helps your community's perception of policing and offers reassurance ? [ **Sussex councils only** ]

Yes

No

Comments :

9. Part of the Review will examine the structure of SSALC subscriptions; a suggestion from the Board is to offer a three year deal with a fixed level of subscription over that period; is that something of interest to your Council ? You may have an alternative suggestion for the Board to consider.

Interest in a 3 year deal

Yes

No

Comments or alternative idea

10. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey, we are most grateful and please feel free to add any other thoughts you might have in the space below.

Additional comments or suggestions :

Name of Council

Completed by

Chairman

Clerk

