

Northern Powerhouse Stakeholder Engagement

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Northern Powerhouse Strategy Engagement



What is the Northern Powerhouse Strategy?



The Northern Powerhouse's objective is to achieve a sustained increase in productivity across the whole of the north; it is a vision for joining up the North's great towns, cities and counties, pooling their strengths, and tackling major barriers to productivity to **unleash the full economic potential of the North**. It is at the heart of the government's ambition for an economy that works for all.

The **Northern Powerhouse Strategy launched at 2016 Autumn Statement** was a great step forward in building on the success we have already seen in the North. For the first time the Strategy set out the government's priorities for building the Northern Powerhouse and the steps we are taking to deliver our ambitious vision for the North. It's key commitments are focused on:

1. **Connectivity:** Improving connectivity both within and between towns, counties and city regions
2. **Skills:** Addressing the disparity in skills between the North and some other parts of the country
3. **Enterprise:** Ensuring the North is a great place to grow and start a business
4. **Trade:** Promoting trade and investment across the North

Key questions

1. Please rank the following Northern Powerhouse policy themes according to what the priority needs are in your area. (1 being the most important and 4 being the least important)
 - **Connectivity**
 - **Education and Skills**
 - **Enterprise and Innovation**
 - **Trade and Investment**
2. Are any policy themes missing? If so why is it a barrier to productivity in the north?
3. What are the biggest barriers to productivity facing your city/ region/ county/ business/ organisation?
4. Is this a 'northern' or national issue?
5. Is this best addressed at a local level, in partnership with local government, or does it require Her Majesty's Government intervention and why?
6. What do you need Government to do? E.g. is this a regulatory issue? A funding issue? Is this about convening the right people round the table?
7. What can businesses, and other groups do to help fix these issues/ help further capitalise on the opportunities and assets of the North?

Stakeholders can also submit their views to our questionnaire to northernpowerhouse@beis.gov.uk,

or to the following postal address:

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Responses should be submitted no later than 17 April 2017.

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