



## Connected Futures Hastings update for the Hastings Strategic Partnership Date: October 2022

### Key messages and Progress

#### Project Funding and Duration:

- **Funding** – overall £16 million allocated for **phase 1** (7 projects) and **phase 2** (6 projects)
- **Project duration:**
  - Phase 1 October '22 – December '23
  - Phase 2 January '24 – for 3 - 4 years (now to fund six of the seven projects)

#### Mobilisation:

- **Core Partnership** Hastings Borough Council, East Sussex County Council, CXK
  - Group driving project forward and meet milestones (monthly meetings until December then bi-monthly to ensure project success)
  - Terms of Reference agreed and validated
  - Monthly reporting on progress
- **Wider Reference Group** (see project focus pdf)
  - Engagement of members occurring and planned meetings for November
  - Terms of Reference – draft and ready for review
- **Young Persons Research Group (YPRG)**
  - Project lead (currently CXK member of staff) vacancy is live
  - Recruitment of Youth worker in place
  - Recruitment and selection of ten young people to start imminently
  - Young people will be trained & accredited for their research activity and will be reimbursed for their engagement for the duration
  - Young people will have representation on both Core Partnership and Reference Group

#### Project Management:

- CXK is lead and accountable organisation and responsible for the project on a day-to-day basis. Reports into the above 3 groups and steered through the Core Partnership and YPRG
- Using workstream project management and reporting by exception to Core Partnership and Youth Futures Foundation
- Engage closely with the current system change/mapping occurring in Hastings to share information, learning and practice

### External Support:

- **Renaisi** – Learning Partner. Provides the wrap around support and development of the three groups along with the focus of research to include
  - Theory of Change (needs)
  - Mapping of skills across the partnerships and supporting gaps
  - Research Question/s, Hypothesis, lines of enquiry
  - Development of the YPRG skills and needs, wider support of system change and researcher skills
- **IPSOS MORI** – LMS and Mapping
  - How and in what ways partnerships are currently using Labour Market Information (LMI) to inform and support your work?
  - What would partnerships like to get out of the local labour market expectations? (i.e., types of outputs, key areas of interest)
  - Any opportunities / risks that they would like to highlight to us

### Moving Forward:

- Introduce young people onto both the Core Partnership and Wider Reference Group to influence decision making and ensure young people inform the research projects direction of travel
- Article to be published communicating the messages of the project and outcomes. Aim to engage communities
- Local launch of project planned for 2022 in central Hastings with two further soft launches in surrounding wards (locations to be agreed) once young people are recruited
- Establish a base in Hastings for young people, communities, employers, and partners to meet and centralise activities
- Develop further relationships with the other six projects (particularly ones that share similar characteristics to Hastings focus [Blackpool] to learn and adopt best practice
- Formalise mapping of LMI and gaps to inform research focus
- Agree research focus and instruments to build the evidence base for the suggested system change

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