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# Local Policy Innovation Partnerships (Strategic Coordination Hub - SCH)

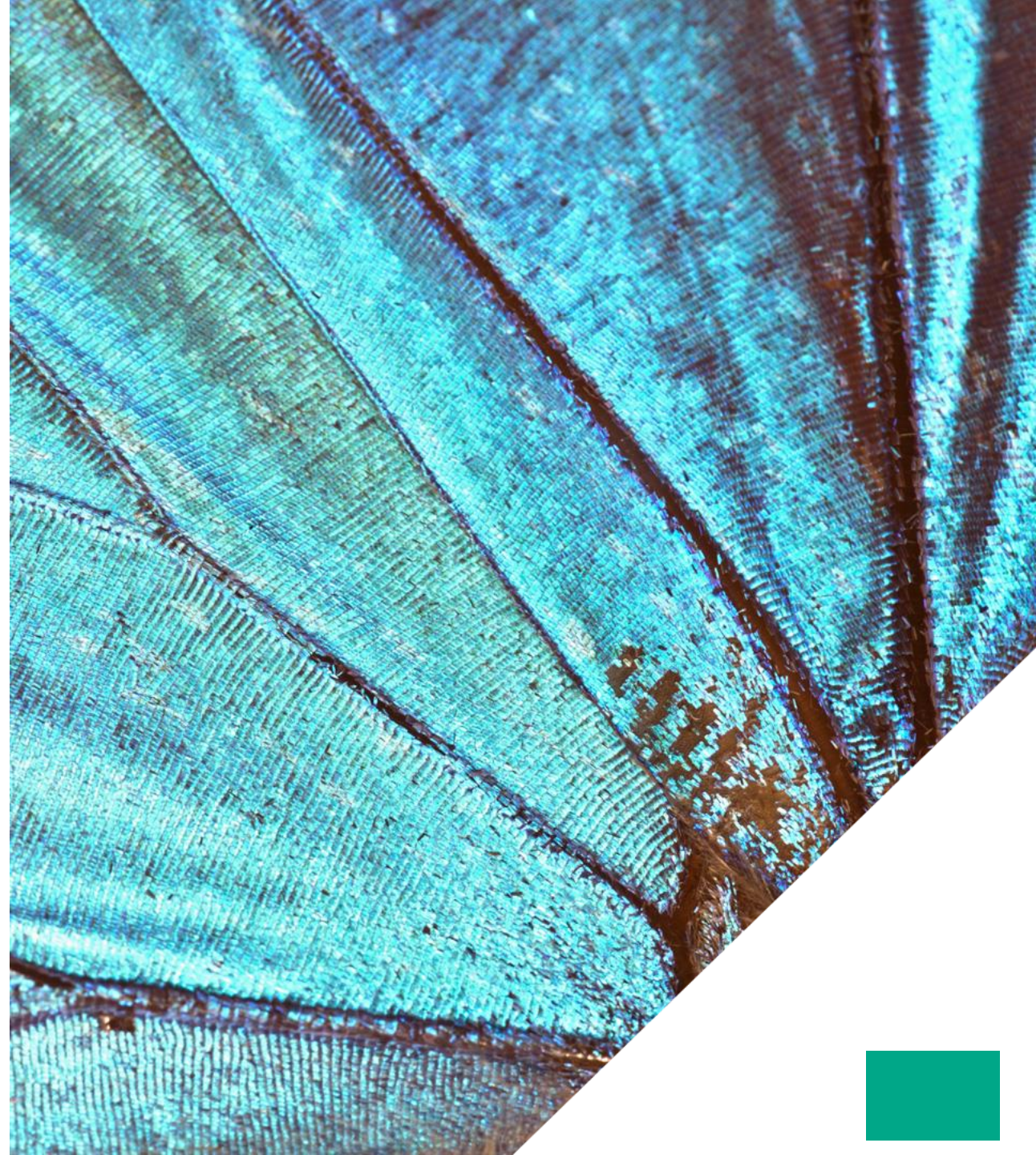
Webinar – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
13:30-14:30



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# Agenda

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# Introductions

## Today's speakers

- **Charlotte Lester**- Head of Public Policy Research and Place-based Strategy (Chair)
- **James Canton** – ESRC, Deputy Director, Public Policy and Engagement
- **Andrew Stafford** – ESRC Head of Society, Governance and Security
- **Matthew McCallum** – AHRC, Associate Director of Programmes
- **Rebecca Madgin** – AHRC, Place Director
- **David Legg** – Innovate UK, Regional Manager

## Taking queries in the chat

- **Yasmin and Jack: Call leads**
- **Emma and Saya: Grants Delivery**





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# Strategic Policy Context



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UK Wide Policy: Levelling Up

Levelling Up England only targets

Scotland: Programme for Government

Welsh: Programme for Government

Northern Ireland: Outcomes Framework

UKRI Strategy

Council Delivery Plans



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# UKRI Strategy



## Objective 2: World-class places

Securing the UK's position as a globally leading research and innovation nation with outstanding institutions, infrastructures, sectors and clusters across the breadth of the country.



# Council Delivery Plans





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# The Programme



# Programme Overview

*Places are the foundation stone of individual and collective life.*

- Addressing regional disparities is critical to meeting the **economic, social and environmental** challenges facing communities.
- UKRI recognises this through its '**world-class places**' objectives and priorities within its new **five-year strategy**.
- **LPIPs** together with **Strategic Coordination Hubs**, with a combined programme value of up to **£20m**, will form a large part of UKRI's broad efforts to meet these objectives.



# Programme Outcomes

- A 'what works here' approach to levelling up and local priority policy areas,
- Enhanced local science advice providing a single front door for local science advice in partnership areas
- Supporting local action through contributing to local implementation, testing and evaluation
- Improving national understanding of local challenges
- Strengthen and diversify partnerships



# Programme vision and objectives

The programme will fund a network of interdisciplinary, cross-sectoral **Local Policy Innovation Partnerships (LPIPs)** to address **social, community, economic and environmental** priorities that contribute towards **inclusive sustainable economic growth**.

A **Strategic Coordination Hub (SCH)** will also convene across the research and policy ecosystem to help connect LPIPs to the research, expertise and evidence needed to inform effective responses to local priorities.

The high-level spending objectives for this programme will be:

**Connecting and  
catalysing**

**Providing local  
insight and  
understanding**

**Solutions focused**





# LPIPs and SCH – the model

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# LPIPs: Phase 1 and Phase 2

- This year, ESRC-commissioned research conducted by Metro Dynamics revealed in its 'Prosperous Places' report an opportunity to '**increase our engagement with local partnerships**' and '**help to create the right linkages and between potential partners**'. We listened.
- The purpose of **Phase 1** is therefore to:
  - provide resource and support capacity across stakeholders to **undertake partnership development and landscape evidence analysis** required to design the Phase 2 work programme.
- While the purpose of **Phase 2** is to:
  - select the strongest partnerships with potential to **deliver insights and solutions tailored to local policy agendas**.





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# SCH Activities

The three strands ...



# Connecting the ecosystem

- Connecting and convening across the UK research and policy landscapes
- Identifying cross-network priority challenges around sustainable, inclusive growth
- identifying and addressing evidence gaps
- point of engagement for locally focused infrastructure not part of the funded LPIP network
- Facilitating connection between LPIPs and UKRI-funded investments in research, knowledge exchange and data infrastructure and collection.



# National Policy Engagement

- facilitating engagement with national government and national policy stakeholders to access local policy intelligence, evidence and experts in LPIP areas
- supporting policymakers at a UK and national level to engage with the work of the LPIPs, and help them understand local conditions and possible solutions to local challenges
- facilitating translation of national policy agendas to local level priorities





# ‘What works’ learning agenda

- facilitating the dissemination of learning which can be applied in different contexts
- supporting LPIPs to navigate the process of accessing administrative data or linked datasets
- supporting LPIPs to judge evidence quality and transferability, and support efforts to address local barriers to the use of evidence in policy and practice
- leading on learning of what works in co-creation, co-development and knowledge mobilisation in a local policy context
- supporting LPIPs to develop evaluative frameworks that will support the network





# Flexible Funding Pot

- The hub will manage a competitive, **flexible funding pot** which it will use to support activity that focuses on **transferability of findings to other contexts across and beyond the network**, to generate wider benefits beyond individual LPIP areas.
- Priorities will be **identified in collaboration with the network**, and **LPIPs will be eligible to apply individually or as consortia**. Examples of activity include but will not be limited to: workshops; evidence development; testing the transferability of findings
- The pot will be **ringfenced within the main SCH award** and its **size will be determined by applicants**.
- Projects must undergo a **competitive process**, following the principles of peer review.



# British Academy Innovation Fellowship

- 12 month Innovation Fellowship which will be hosted by Local Policy Innovation Partnerships Strategic Coordination Hub **latest start date February 2024**
- Potential fellows will apply to and receive their award from the British Academy
- The SCH will work with the British Academy to **shape the requirements and participate** in the recruitment of the fellow
- The fellowship will focus on **how the UK can develop effective multi-level governance structures** which encourage participation, engagement and cooperation to strengthen our capacity to identify and respond to local, regional and national needs and the major policy challenges ahead.



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# Application requirements





# Stakeholder collaboration

You must:

- include **clear and deliverable stakeholder engagement plans**
- clearly **define roles for each partner organisation**, with a clear rationale
- show how the **balance of stakeholders will support the required functions** of the SCH
- ensure the LPIPs network **adds value and builds on existing infrastructure and capability**
- Demonstrate **approach to working with LPIPs** at Phase 1 and Phase 2



# Leadership, management and governance

You must:

- identify a **core team** to lead the SCH from Phase 1
- include a **non-academic Co-I** from Phase 1
- identify a **PI** who will **lead the team and the grant**
- show **options to build full SCH team** at Phase 2
- specify a **delivery model** for the SCH
- clarify an **engagement approach** across the network
- Specify a **management structure** for the SCH
- identify how management **dovetails with the network's** structures



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# Interdisciplinarity and expertise

You must:

- demonstrate a breadth of **expertise required to engage across the range of thematic areas** in scope for the network.
- show that the director and leadership team has **significant expertise in knowledge exchange and knowledge mobilisation**

Thematic areas:

- inclusive and sustainable local economic performance
- innovation
- skills
- living and working sustainably in a greener economy
- communities in their places
- felt experiences and pride in place
- cultural recovery
- locally identified priority





# Work plan

You should:

- Include a work plan with **clear milestones**

You must:

- define **activities and outputs**, reflecting awareness of stakeholder needs
- specify the **size of the flexible, competitive pot (up to 30% of the total value of the grant)**
- set out a clear **approach to managing the fund**



# Additional funding conditions

- The role of the SCH is contingent on UKRI making a **minimum of 3 full stage LPIP awards** at the end of Phase 1.
- The proposed governance for this programme will consist of 2 groups – **A Funders and Policy Advisory Group**, and a **Funders Management Group**.
- The SCH will be required to engage with these structures, and must build in **sufficient resource and capacity to attend meetings** (up to 3 per year).
- The SCH will be required to have **representation from relevant UKRI investments within its advisory structures**, in order to embed connections.



# Timeline (SCH)

- Call Opening - 6 October 2022 (15:00)
- **Compulsory intention to submit closing date - 17 November 2022 (16:00)**
- Full proposal closing date - 12 January 2023 (16:00)
- Peer review - January or February 2023
- Interview panel - From 13 March 2023
- Grants awarded - End of March 2023
- Expected project start date - Before 18 April 2023







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# Questions?





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