

# London Councils and the 2014-2020 ESIF Programme

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# Our role & what we have to offer

## *Role*

- Influence the LEP's ESIF Strategy
- Advocate for simplification
- Help shape and influence the ESIF programme
- Prepare borough and their partners for the funding opportunities
- Local match funder

## *Offer*

- Practical experience (as current CFO) working with VCS & others
- Experience and local knowledge of boroughs
- Help spot opportunities to join up funding streams

**Outcome:** Locally responsive ESIF programme informed by evidence but also practice experience about what works

# London Councils as CFO now...

- ESF Priorities – employability, basic skills and community grants
- £25m spend to date
- Match funded by Grants Committee and individual boroughs
- CFO status allows LA access



## ...in the 2014-20 programme

- Local match funder; similar levels of spend
- Continue with community grants (if match is secured)
- Work closely with BIG Lottery in London
- Co-ordinate borough access (where appropriate)

# Shaping ESF with the boroughs

Leading on behalf of the LEP for:

- **Adult Skills**

- Entry level and in-work progression for low skilled unemployed people (sectoral approach)
- In-work progression of low skilled, low paid employed Londoners
- Entrepreneurship, business start-up & self employment

- **Families**

# Opportunities & challenges

- More localist approach
- Better join up between programmes
- More diverse supply chain
- Progression not just employment
- Getting the incentives right
- Collaboration, not competition
- Being prepared...for a quick start
- Securing match funding