

## Connected Futures Fund list of eligible local authority areas

Ashfield	Kings Lynn	Sheffield
Barnsley	Kingston upon Hull	Solihull
Basildon	Knowsley	South Tyneside
Birmingham	Lambeth	Southend-on-Sea
Blackburn with Darwen	Leeds	Southwark
Blackpool	Leicester	St Helens
Bolton	Lewisham	Stockton-on-Tees
Bradford	Lincoln	Stoke-on-Trent
Brent	Liverpool	Sunderland
Bristol, City of	Manchester	Swale
Burnley	Mansfield	Tameside
Calderdale	Medway	Telford and Wrekin
Cannock Chase	Middlesbrough	Tendring
Chesterfield	Newcastle upon Tyne	Thanet
County Durham	North East Lincolnshire	Walsall
Coventry	North Tyneside	Waveney
Darlington	Northumberland	Wirral
Derby	Norwich	Wolverhampton
Doncaster	Nottingham	Wyre
Dudley	Nuneaton and Bedworth	
East Lindsey	Oldham	
Folkestone and Hythe	Peterborough	
Great Yarmouth	Plymouth	
Hackney	Portsmouth	
Halton	Redcar & Cleveland	
Haringey	Redditch	
Hartlepool	Rochdale	
Hastings	Rosendale	
Hyndburn	Rotherham	
Ipswich	Salford	
Isle of Wight	Sandwell	
Islington	Sefton	



## Rationale and Criteria

Our focus is on young people who face the most discrimination and disadvantage in the labour market. We want the Connected Futures Fund to make a difference to meaningful numbers of young people in each place where we invest. If we want to change the ways that wider systems work, we think it's important to focus on places where there are significant numbers of young people facing disadvantage – enough to be a real priority for local organisations and employers.

We therefore developed a list of eligible local authority areas with:

- A higher than average concentration of young people facing disadvantage
- A higher than average proportion of young people not in employment, education or training

We used the following datasets and criteria to develop this list:

- Proportion of lower super output areas (LSOAs) in the bottom 10% of the 2019 Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index – all local authorities ranked 1-50 (bottom 15%) are included, and local authorities ranked 51-150 (bottom 50%) were given a weighted score which was combined with the other two criteria
- Proportion of young people not in employment, education or training after Key Stage 3 in the 2018/19 Department for Education statistics – local authorities in the bottom 10% were given a weighted score which was combined with the other two criteria
- Youth claimant count, August 2021 – local authorities with a youth claimant count more than 1% above the England average (bottom 30%) were given a weighted score which was combined with the other two criteria

We weighted the scores on youth employment, education and training slightly lower than deprivation, because the DfE statistics are not current and do not cover young people over the age of 18, and the youth claimant count, although up-to-date, only provides a snapshot of one aspect of youth employment. Areas with lower levels of youth employment, education and training over time were scored under both criteria, and were therefore added to our list to create the final list of 83 (approximately 25% of local authority areas in England).

