

# BRIEFING PAPER FOR UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND PROJECT DECISION

Overview of project



## BACKGROUND

### **Plymouth Skills Builder by City College Plymouth**

Working with a range of partners including, Plymouth Argyle Community Trust, Plymouth Active Leisure and Livewell Southwest. This project addresses key barriers through a holistic programme addressing confidence and resilience, essential digital skills and visible skills pathways into key sectors. Alongside this the programme also offers rehabilitative health programmes to support sustained employment outcomes for the participants.

Outline:

Health, Wellbeing and Life Skills; Addressing barriers to employment. Including providing personalised health and wellbeing programmes, development of life skills such as managing money, improving communication skills, essential employability and resilience skills.

High Value Skills building: participants will engage in two short programmes to develop practical skills and knowledge to bridge into employment & further training.

- Essential Digital skills
- Construction, including related 'green skills' and retrofit
- Engineering, including related 'blue skills'
- Health sector pathways
- Alternative High Value skills routes -including visitor economy

Next steps: participants will be supported to progress onto either:

- Short top up' programmes where support has been identified to progress in the specific sector (funded through SPF), or
- DfE funded programmes (e.g. Adult Skills programs, Multiply, Bootcamps, Apprenticeships), or
- Employment

Progression support: Every participant will have a named coach (part of the Plymouth Skills Builder team) to support progress to a positive outcome. Participants will also have access to college advice and guidance as well as a wealth of information [NB. This will include the access to the NHS & Livewell Careers Hub situated at the Kings Road campus of City College Plymouth] including, where possible, employment taster sessions.

Social prescribing: to enhance this project, City College Plymouth will work with Plymouth Active Leisure using these funds to qualify four staff with a Certificate in Social Prescribing which will be utilised as participants engage in the health elements described above.