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## Executive Summary

The Youth Endowment Fund is a **generational opportunity to transform our approach to the prevention of youth offending** and to positively impact the lives of children, young people and communities across England and Wales.

Our approach could be described as '**EEF plus**'. The Education Endowment Foundation is a world-leading exemplar of a rigorous, 'What Works' approach to increasing educational attainment. But we believe the YEF can do even better.

Our proposal combines what Impetus have learned from setting up EEF and from building high impact education charities, what the Early Intervention Foundation have learned as the lead What Works Centre responsible for early intervention to improve outcomes for children, and what Social Investment Business have learned about how to manage big government grant programmes, and putting that together to make a **bold model to tackle youth offending**.

Our proposal brings the rigorous approach to evidence demonstrated by EEF and EIF, but goes further, **building on what we've learned** from that work about what it takes to get from evidence to meaningful impact and **tailoring the approach** to fit the specific issue of how to prevent later offending. The '**plus**' in our proposal includes:

- Working with a **much wider range of organisations and interventions** than EEF, including much earlier stage, and tailoring support and evaluation accordingly. We don't expect as many 'trial ready' interventions to come forward as EEF have had and so we need to start earlier to help organisations and local multi- agency partnerships to develop them
- Getting **from evidence to impact** – we've learned that evidence alone won't deliver impact. So our proposal includes a strong emphasis on both the development of local and organisational capacity for impact and sustainability, and on working with the sector to get the best approaches adopted
- We believe that the work with **hotspots** is a huge opportunity to combine the best of bottom-up, community-led programme development with the best of evidence-led approaches. The two have often been done well separately but our proposal sets out how to do them well together
- **More foundational research** – EIF have produced assessments of the evidence on early intervention to prevent offending but, as the Serious Violence Strategy makes clear, there are big gaps in our knowledge. For example, on the impact that programmes which target upstream risk and protective factors have on the most serious types of crime and violence. The YEF will hugely strengthening the evidence base.

Our partnership combines a unique, world-leading understanding of the What Works approach to evidence (Impetus and EIF), of the risk and protective factors affecting whether young people become offenders (EIF), of how to get from evidence to impact (all three partners), of building local capacity and programmes (all three partners) and, underpinning all this, of how to manage and deliver high quality grants programmes (Impetus and SIB). Together we have the scale and capacity to deliver, but also the focus and expertise to deliver right – the YEF builds on all of our existing strategies and wouldn't be competing with other big programmes for our attention.

We believe we are the right partnership to design and deliver the best possible Youth Endowment Fund.