

# THE WHAT AND WHY OF THE KEF

Introducing the Knowledge Exchange Framework and what it means for Kent.

## WHAT IS IT?

A Research England benchmarking exercise which measures the knowledge exchange (KE) activity of higher education institutions (HEIs).

THE KEF FORMS THE THIRD COMPULSORY PILLAR OF UNIVERSITY ASSESSMENT

TEACHING  
EXCELLENCE  
FRAMEWORK

RESEARCH  
EXCELLENCE  
FRAMEWORK

KNOWLEDGE  
EXCHANGE  
FRAMEWORK

### KENT'S DEFINITION OF KE

A two-way exchange between researchers, students and research users, to share ideas, evidence research, experiences and skills. It refers to any process through which academic ideas and insights are shared, and external perspectives and experiences brought in to academia.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

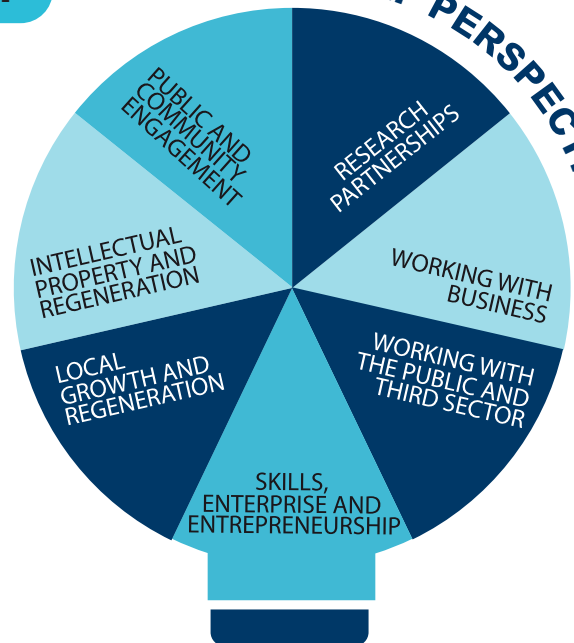
- The Knowledge Exchange Framework repurposes the HEB-CI data survey which the Knowledge Exchange & Innovation Team submit annually. We also submit three Narrative Statements giving further context around our KE activity.
- Our results are compared to those of other HEIs with similar KE capabilities and resources, to indicate our KE strengths and areas for improvement.
- The Framework measures our performance across 7 different perspectives of KE activity.

**Kent's 2021 pilot results were a strong foundation to build upon and a true reflection of our fantastic KE work.**

"We believe in the power of working collaboratively with industry and the community to benefit both the economy and society, and are determined to extend our KE activities at a local, national and international level. We welcome this opportunity to better understand our performance and to put KE on the map for all our staff, students and partners, creating clear access routes and engagement opportunities across our portfolio."

**Shane Weller, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Research and Innovation**

## THE 7 KEF PERSPECTIVES



## WHY IS IT RELEVANT?



A future link to funding.



A public comparison to other UK Universities.



An opportunity to promote our KE activity.