

Learning and Skills Council

Notice Inviting Proposals

The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) for Suffolk is seeking to significantly develop the provision of education for young people aged 16-19 in Haverhill. In accordance with national guidelines the LSC is organising a local competition and inviting proposals to bring about this important development, with particular focus on increasing breadth and choice of courses, participation, quality and value for money.

The new provision will provide opportunities in a broader range of courses and will, over time, offer access to the new specialised diplomas. It will also offer a wide range of Level 1 and Level 2 sixth form courses. It is anticipated that overall there will be a demand for between 400 and 600 places, inclusive of existing sixth form provision already offered in the town.

As a subsidiary function, in partnership with other providers, including local high schools, the new provision may also offer access to the specialist diplomas for 14-16 year olds with a focus on broadening choice pre-16, improving continuity and increasing the proportion of young people who continue in learning post-16.

A Statement of Need setting out the case for change and giving further supporting information is available from the LSC website at:
<http://www.lsc.gov.uk/regions/EastofEngland>

Procedure

All proposals from interested parties (the competition entries) must be received at the address below by 5pm on Friday 20th March 2009.

The LSC will then prepare and publish a summary of the competition entries and invite comments during a six-week representation period. Within six weeks of the close of the representation period, the LSC will decide and publish the outcome of the competition.

Further information and guidance on the application process can be found on the LSC website below. The additional information includes the criteria against which proposals will be judged. Our priorities in making judgements will be the extent to which they:

- will develop 14-19 provision for all learners
- address the needs of SEN (special educational needs) learners, including progression into independent living
- propose working in partnership with local providers for 14-19 (including voluntary sector and work-based learning providers)
- ensure quality of provision
- increase participation through effective targeting of groups of young people.

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