

Notice Inviting Proposals

The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) wishes to extend the range of provision of post-16 education and training for young people aged 16-19 years in Milton Keynes. This is in line with Government policy of raising the compulsory participation age to 18 by 2015.

The additional provision will be expected to meet the needs of both the current and increasing population in Milton Keynes and will need to provide at least 300 new places over the next two to three years. These places will be in a range of sector subject areas and reach from pre-entry Level to Level 3.

The LSC is looking for interested parties to put forward a proposal to deliver this vision.

A prospectus, setting out the key findings of 16-19 reviews undertaken in Milton Keynes, a statement of need and an outline vision for the delivery of post-16 learning can be obtained from the postal address or website detailed below.

All proposals (competition entries) from interested parties must be received at the address below by 5pm on the 14th July 2008. Following receipt of entries, the LSC will publish a summary of all proposals (competition entries) and a six week representation period will be allowed for comments to be made on the proposals received.

Within a six week period after the close of the representation period the LSC will make its decision, based on the recommendation of a local stakeholder panel. This decision will be made known to all proponents and key local stakeholders within one week.

Full guidance on the LSC 16-19 competition process can also be obtained from our website together with the criteria against which proposals will be assessed. LSC priorities during assessment will include the extent to which proposals extend learner choice, widen participation, raise achievement, enhance the existing vocational/academic offer and extend the breadth and type of offer in Milton Keynes to meet the needs of all young people, as well as the extent to which proposals encompass arrangements for collaboration and cooperation with other 16-19 providers and stakeholders in Milton Keynes.

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