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Contribution of Education and Skills to the Growth of Milton Keynes

As you know it is likely that Milton Keynes will grow to between 400,000 and 500,000 residents over the next 30 years.

The success of such an expansion will be dependent in part on our ability to attract inward investment from external businesses, to nurture those already here, and to create start-up ventures of our own. A well-educated and highly skilled workforce will be necessary to achieve these objectives.

I am writing on behalf of the Children & Young People Committee of Milton Keynes Council to invite you to submit evidence on this topic under the following heads:

- Your assessment of the current provision within and around the city at all levels - primary, secondary, further & higher.
- Any current deficiencies you feel must urgently be addressed.
- Your view of the likely working environment in 2050.
- Medium term developments that you believe will be necessary in our education and skills provision to prepare for this new environment.
- The different roles that the public and private sectors might most effectively play in this provision.
- The extent to which we will need to accommodate continuous re-education & training as part of working life.

Please do not feel confined by these questions – I hope you will feel free to raise any other relevant topics that you wish.

Evidence is being invited from every business and educational provider in and around Milton Keynes, and from expert external authorities.

Submissions are invited by a deadline of **Monday 4 March 2019**. All submissions will be published unless accompanied by a request not to.

A debate on this topic will be held at **7 pm on Tuesday 2 April 2019** to which all contributors will be invited.

Yours sincerely etc