



## Skills and Employment Committee

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Title: Public Questions

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### Question 1 – Antony Carpen , Resident

To Skills and Employment Committee

Question:

*“What conversations has the CPCA had with the large sci-tech developers and landowners regarding establishing lifelong learning facilities on their sites? Most recently I raised this with the Cambridge Biomedical Campus at one of their public meetings in 2024 following the changes to their 2050 strategy. I find it astonishing that there is no community or lifelong learning facility open and accessible to adults looking to switch careers into sectors where Cambridge Science Park and CBC firms regularly complain about skills shortages.”*

Response:

*The Combined Authority conducted a Further Education cold spots analysis in 2022/23. This analysis did not identify a need for a community or lifelong learning facility based at Cambridge Science Park and CBC. The Skills Committee is resolving FE Cold Spots in East Cambridgeshire and St Neots. The Authority is committed to a cycle of monitoring and evaluation of Further Education cold spots and will be planning the next cycle of review once the current round has concluded.*