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Dear Mr Davies,

I am writing following the intervention assessment of City College Southampton by the Further Education (FE) Commissioner on 16 December 2021, which took place following a period of support from the FE Commissioner team via diagnostic assessment and follow-up visits.

From the Commissioner's report, the college is currently financially unstable and without the support of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) would be insolvent. I have accepted all the recommendations of the FE Commissioner and I urge the college to implement the Commissioner's recommendations, including working with a National Leader of Further Education, and continuing to work closely with the ESFA.

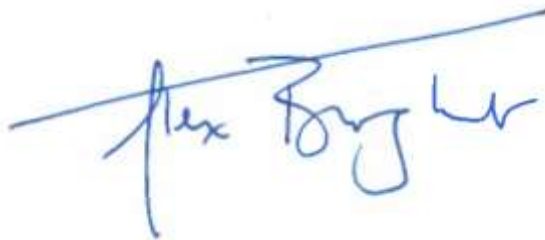
A copy of the assessment is provided with this letter. The assessment and my letter will be published on GOV.UK and can be found via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/further-education-commissioner-intervention-reports>. Once confirmed, the intended publication date will be shared with you.

I have written separately to the following local MPs, whose constituencies are served by the college, to inform them of the FE Commissioner's findings:

- Caroline Nokes MP Romset and Southampton North
- Royston Smith MP Southampton, Itchen
- Dr Alan Whitehead MP Southampton, Test

Yours sincerely,

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