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Dear Mr Thompson

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I am writing following the assessment of Moulton College by the Further Education Commissioner. The College was referred to the Commissioner because its financial health was inadequate. The assessment took place from 14-16 March 2017.

It is clear from the report that both the College's leadership team and governors had been too slow to address poor financial performance, and that monitoring and challenge by the governing body needs to improve.


The Commissioner made specific recommendations for putting in place a strong financial recovery plan. I understand that you have acted on these over the election period, and that a strong plan has been produced. The plan now needs to be effectively delivered. The appointment of an experienced Finance Director is critical. I am glad to hear that a transparent appointment process is currently underway.

Secondly, while the College was referred for financial reasons, it remains Ofsted Requires Improvement. It is essential that you effectively deliver your Quality Improvement Plan to secure an improved grade at your next inspection.

Please confirm, in writing, within three weeks what actions you are taking to address all of the recommendations and your timetable for doing so.

If you have any questions about FE Commissioner's assessment or this letter, please contact the Commissioner at FE.commissioner@education.gov.uk in the first instance.

I am copying this letter to Chris Heaton-Harris MP.

Best wishes


RT. HON. ANNE MILTON MP