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Dear Ms Orange,

I am writing following the assessment of Bradford College by the Further Education (FE) Commissioner. The college was referred to the Commissioner following the decline in its financial health. I have accepted the Commissioner's recommendations.

I welcome your appointment as the new Chair of Bradford College and of the appointment of the new CEO. The experience and expertise that both yourself and the new CEO bring to the college should ensure the necessary focus on addressing all the FE Commissioner's recommendations.

It is important that you now urgently develop and implement a robust recovery plan which integrates financial recovery with a post inspection action plan that reflects the whole College Group. I am glad to hear that work is currently underway in developing the plan.

The Commissioner team will consider progress against the recommendations at the stocktake assessment in February 2018. If insufficient progress has been made, the need for further structural change will be considered.

I know the huge importance of the college's work, and that it has many committed teachers and students. I have asked the Commissioner to update me on progress.

This document and my letter will be published on gov.uk. If you have any questions about the Commissioner's assessment, please contact the Commissioner directly at [FE.Commissioner@education.gov.uk](mailto:FE.Commissioner@education.gov.uk).

I am copying this letter to MPs: Naz Shah; Imran Hussain; Judith Cummins; Philip Davies and John Grogan.

Best wishes

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