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I am writing following the assessment of St Helens College by the Further Education (FE) Commissioner. The FEC team visited the college on 27 March 2019 to undertake a formal intervention triggered by inadequate financial health.

It is clear from the Commissioner's report that you, your governors and senior leadership team now fully recognise the need to take swift actions in order to address the significant financial challenges facing the college including the current high risk of insolvency.

I welcome the positive work you and your college group have already undertaken in the development of a recovery plan. As will be clear to you, it is important that this demonstrates how the college group will achieve a sustainable financial future.

The Commissioner has made a number of recommendations including the need to ensure that the necessary focus on swiftly improving the financial position does not detract from continued improvements to teaching learning and assessment. The college group should also review the senior leadership team to ensure they have the sufficient skills and experience to develop and implement the necessary financial and quality recovery strategy.

The Commissioner and his team and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (EFSA) will engage regularly with the college to monitor progress toward the merger.

I have accepted all of the recommendations of the Commissioner and a summary of the initial assessment is provided with this letter. This document and my letter will be published on gov.uk.

Please confirm within three weeks to the FE Commissioner, FE.Commissioner@education.gov.uk what actions you are taking to address all of the recommendations and your timetable for doing so.

I have written separately to all the following, local MPs who may have learners attending the college from their constituency to inform them of the FE Commissioners findings:

Marie Rimmer	St Helens South & Whiston
Connor McGinn	St Helens North
Mr Howarth	Knowsley
Rashid Faisal	Warrington South
Helen Jones	Warrington North
Derek Twigg	Halton
Marie Eagle	Garston & Halewood
Dan Carden	Liverpool Walton
Stephen Twigg	Liverpool West
Yvonne Forague	Makerfield
Jo Platt	Leigh

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