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Dafydd Williams  
Chair of Governors  
Hull College Group  
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Dear Dafydd,

I am writing following the assessment of Hull College Group by the Further Education (FE) Commissioner. The FE Commissioner's team conducted an intervention assessment in October and November 2019. You have already seen the draft report and recommendations. As you will be aware, routine FE Commissioner work was paused due to the coronavirus crisis, so the final version of this report has been delayed in reaching you.

From the FE Commissioner's report, it is clear that the college leadership has experienced significant turbulence. You and your new leadership should act to provide stability to staff and students and ensure that quality and financial improvement plans continue at pace.

I am concerned with the weakness of governance arrangements that the FE Commissioner's team have reported on. As recommended by the FE Commissioner, you should work with a National Leader of Governance to review these arrangements and take appropriate measures in response.

I have accepted all the recommendations of the FE Commissioner and a copy of the assessment is provided with this letter. A copy of this letter and the summary report will also be sent to the following local MPs, whose constituencies are served by the college, to inform them of the FE Commissioner's findings:

- Emma Hardy MP Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle
- Dame Diana Johnson MP Kingston upon Hull North
- Karl Turner MP Kingston upon Hull East
- Rt Hon David Davis MP Haltemprice and Howden
- Graham Stuart MP Beverley and Holderness

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gillian', with a large, stylized flourish on the left side.

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