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Dear Mr Martin,

I am writing following the Further Education Commissioner's (FEC) intervention assessment of Richmond upon Thames Borough Council's further education (FE) and skills provision in July 2020.

From the FEC assessment, it is clear that the council has worked to address concerns that were highlighted by the Ofsted February 2020 inspection, which had resulted in an Inadequate overall judgement. Despite some progress having been made, the need for improvement remains, especially with regard to safeguarding and the adult and community learning provision.

To this end, I have accepted all the FEC recommendations contained in the assessment report, a copy of which is provided with this letter.

Due to coronavirus, the publication of FEC intervention assessments is currently suspended; however, this document and my letter will be published on gov.uk in due course.

I have written separately to the following local MPs whose constituencies are served by the council's further education and skills provision to inform them of the FEC assessment findings:

- Sarah Olney MP Richmond Park
- Sir Edward Davey MP Kingston and Surbiton
- Munira Wilson MP Twickenham
- Fleur Anderson MP Putney
- Ruth Cadbury MP Brentford and Isleworth

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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