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Dear Mr Rostron,

I am writing to inform you of the government's view in light of the Sixth Form College Commissioner's recent review of your college, and to invite you to confirm the actions your college will now take in response to the significant concerns raised.

As you are aware, following the inadequate Ofsted inspection, I asked Peter Mucklow, Director for Young People at the Education Funding Agency (EFA) and Sixth Form Commissioner, to review the position of your College in line with the intervention policy set out in *Rigour and Responsiveness in Skills* (April 2013). He completed his assessment on 2 December 2014.

I have now received his assessment, a summary of which is attached, including a set of recommendations. I have accepted all these recommendations. As you will see, the assessment identifies a number of areas for improvement for the governing body and the senior leadership team to address. Governors are responsible for the strategic oversight of the college, and in holding of the principal and executive to account for delivery. It is therefore essential that the governing body has the skills and experience necessary to fulfil these responsibilities.

I welcome the work the college has already begun to respond to the 2013 examination results, the Ofsted inspection, and the Commissioner's findings. I encourage you to continue this hard work and ensure that these actions lead to sustained quality improvement. The funding agencies will be regularly monitoring progress at the college, and will be looking for evidence that the college has responded to the recommendations and is delivering the changes necessary.

However, it is essential that the Governors and leadership of King George V College recognise the need for the further actions identified in the Commissioner's assessment and take swift and decisive action to protect the needs of learners. Therefore can you please confirm in writing, by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January, what actions you are taking to address the recommendations and your timetable for doing so.

Your letter should be copied to Paul Williamson, EFA Deputy Director – Northern Territory ([paul.williamson@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:paul.williamson@education.gsi.gov.uk)).

You should also be aware that in the interests of transparency, and after I have received your response, I intend to ask EFA to publish this letter, the summary report and its recommendations. EFA will provide you with a link to the relevant website.

If you have any questions about the Sixth Form College Commissioner's assessment or this letter my officials will be happy to meet with you to discuss. Please contact Paul Williamson in the first instance.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nick Boles', is centered on the page.

**NICK BOLES MP**