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The Members and Directors of Olive Academies Trust
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9th March 2017

Dear Directors

Minded to Terminate Letter to the Members and Directors of the Olive Academies Trust in respect of Olive Alternative Provision Academy

In accordance with section 2A of the Academies Act 2010ⁱ any funding agreement of an academy may be terminated by the Secretary of State where special measures are required to be taken by the academy or the academy requires significant improvement and the Chief Inspector of Ofsted has given notice of that under section 13(3) (a) of the Education Act 2005.

I received an Ofsted notification dated 27 February 2017 confirming that Olive Alternative Provision Academy was judged to be inadequate and requires special measures.

As the Regional Schools Commissioner acting on behalf of the Secretary of State, I need to be satisfied that this academy can achieve rapid and sustained improvement, if I am not satisfied this can be achieved I will consider issuing a Termination Warning Notice.

I would be grateful for the following evidence:

- copy of Post-Inspection Action Plan, and
- an improvement plan as discussed in our meeting on the 18 January

I would like to proceed in the following way:

- await the education adviser's report following the visit scheduled for 21 March which will focus on the areas judged inadequate

- meet with the trust and local authority once the education adviser has visited and the action plan and improvement plans have been reviewed.

Please respond to me within fifteen working days of the date of this letter, copied to **Claire Mycock** and [REDACTED], outlining the actions that you will be taking to remedy the matters identified above.

I am copying this letter to the National Schools Commissioner.

Yours sincerely



Dr Tim Coulson
Regional Schools Commissioner for East of England and North East London

CC: Rory Patterson - Corporate Director Children's Services, Thurrock LA
David Carter – National Schools Commissioner, Department for Education
Claire Mycock - Deputy Director, Department for Education
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ⁱ Inserted by section 14 of the Education and Adoption Act 2016