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Dear A- Blagbrough

I am writing to let you know about the government's view of Brooke House Sixth Form College's position following the Sixth Form College Commissioner's review, and to invite you to confirm the actions your college will now take in response to the significant concerns raised.

As you are aware, in light of the college's 'inadequate' financial health grade, a financial notice to improve was issued on 10 March 2017. Peter Mucklow as Sixth Form College Commissioner reviewed the position of your college in line with the intervention policy set out in 'Rigour and Responsiveness in Skills' (April 2013). He has completed his assessment.

I have now received his assessment, a summary of which is attached, which includes a set of recommendations. I have accepted all of these recommendations.

As you will see, the assessment identifies the need for the college to become more financially resilient. The report recommends a Commissioner-led Comprehensive Options Review, working closely with college leaders and governors, to be undertaken as soon as possible to support the identification of strategic options for the corporation to consider in autumn 2017.

The funding agency 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.

I would be grateful if you would confirm, in writing, within three weeks' time, what actions you are taking to address all of the recommendations and your timetable for doing so. In the interests of transparency, after I have received your response, I intend to ask the Education & Skills Funding Agency to publish this letter, the summary report and recommendations on the government's 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

Anthony Haines at the Education & Skills Funding Agency
(anthony.haines@education.gov.uk) in the first instance.

I am copying this letter to Dianne Abbott MP.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anne Milton', with a date '16' written to the right.

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