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Dear David

I am writing following the assessment of Prospects College of Advanced Technology (PROCAT). The college was referred to the Further Education (FE) Commissioner following a decline in its financial health.

I have accepted the Commissioner's recommendations. I am pleased to hear that a Commissioner-led Structure and Prospects Appraisal (SPA) is due to be completed by June 2018 which considers the full range of options including identifying a credible merger partner. The solution identified by the SPA will need to address the college's financial issues.

It is important that whilst the SPA is taking place, the college continues to take the actions required to contain its operating losses. I am looking to you, Judith Abbot, CEO, and Ros Parker, Principal, to provide the necessary focus on the college's financial position.

This document and my letter will be published on www.gov.uk. If you have any questions about the Commissioner's assessment, please contact the Commissioner directly at FE.Commissioner@education.gov.uk.

I am copying this letter to MPs: John Baron, Stephen Metcalfe, Mike Gapes and Rebecca Harris.

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