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30th September 2024

Dear Mr Sampson,

I am writing following the intervention assessment of Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council (Adult Learning Service) by the Further Education (FE) Commissioner on 23 April 2024.

I have accepted the recommendations of the FE Commissioner which include:

- the establishment of a bespoke advisory group for the Adult Learning Service
- review of performance management systems aligned to the provision of high-quality teaching
- development of management information systems to provide higher levels of assurance

In my view, these are all serious matters and I urge the local authority to ensure the recommendations are now fully implemented. In the meantime, and as you will be aware, the department is working closely with the local authority to finalise a single quality improvement plan, clearly identifying impact measures critical to all aspects of education, which will form the basis of an intervention stocktake visit in October 2024. I am optimistic that this, along with the support being provided and the work being done to action the FE Commissioner's recommendations, will make a significant positive difference to the local authority.

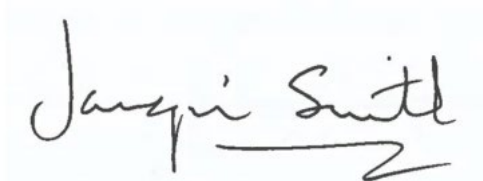
A copy of the assessment is provided with this letter. The assessment and my letter will be published on GOV.UK and can be found via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/further-education-commissioner-intervention-reports>. Once confirmed, the intended publication date will be shared with you.

I have written separately to the following local MP, whose constituency is served by the local authority, to inform them of the FE Commissioner's findings:

- Anna Turley MP Redcar

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light blue background. The signature reads "Jacqui Smith" in a cursive script, with a horizontal line and a small flourish underneath the name.

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