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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your letter of 14 June 2012, regarding the future of Southwark College and FE provision in South East London, and proposing that you set up a support structure to explore possible options for meeting the needs of learners.

It is a matter for individual Corporations to decide on the strategic future of their institution, how best to meet the needs of their learners, employers and local communities, and what sources of help and analysis they need to support their decision making. I am sure you will understand, therefore, that it would not be appropriate for me to comment on this issue.

As you may be aware, since receipt of your letter the Corporation of Lewisham College has formally resolved to accept the property, rights and liabilities of Southwark Corporation so that the merger with Southwark College can proceed from 1 August 2012.

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Yours sincerely,



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