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Dear Jan

Adult and Community Learning

Thank you for meeting with me to discuss the future of adult and community learning in light of the new Skills Funding Agency policy on Minimum Contract Levels. At our meeting I explained that the College would be willing to explore how we could work together to ensure the continuance of the successful adult and community learning offer in B&NES.

I have now had an opportunity to discuss this matter with the governing body of the College and they agree that it would be worthwhile for us to explore in more detail how we could integrate the current contract and offer into College operations. Governors did however express a concern that the current level of costs exceeds the amount of income generated by the service and that any future arrangements would need to ensure that the adult and community learning offer was financially viable. We would also need some assurances about the value of the Skills Funding Agency contract for the 2011/12 year.

Please be assured however of our commitment to maintaining the provision and to looking at ways we can further develop the offer through an integrated approach to progression routes for learners.

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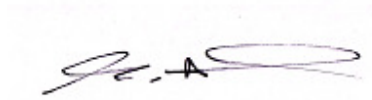
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As a way of moving this forward I would like to propose that our auditors, RSM Tenon, undertake some kind of due diligence exercise in order for us to fully consider all issues associated with transferring the provision.

If I can provide you with any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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