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13 April 2016

Dear Mrs Wills

Issue of a Financial Notice to Improve

Following Peter Mucklow's stock take visit on 24 February, where the college's significant financial challenges became apparent, Peter requested that the college submit its monthly cash flow forecasts to the end of the 2016/17 academic year to the Education Funding Agency (EFA) immediately, along with its management accounts (to be supplied monthly) and a revised financial plan.

A subsequent review of the revised financial plan was undertaken which resulted in the EFA grading the financial health of King George V College as inadequate for 2016/17. As the plan detailed that the college had graded itself as satisfactory for 2016/17 further evidence was sought from you as rationale for this. Through email correspondence with Mike Benson it was confirmed on 1 April that the revised financial plan had been updated to adjust the figures only, and that the college is in agreement with the EFA grading of inadequate for 2016/17.

In light of this, as detailed in the Department for Education's (DfE) published position on 16-19 Accountability, where a sixth form college is graded inadequate in relation to its financial health for the next forecast year it is deemed to be in financial failure.

I can therefore confirm that King George V College is considered to be in financial failure, and as a result I am issuing you with a Financial Notice to Improve. The Notice is attached and copied to Julian McInerney, Chair of Governors for the college.

In addition to the 16-19 Accountability guidance there is further information about Government intervention in *Rigour and Responsiveness in Skills* which is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rigour-and-responsiveness-in-skills>

The EFA will have regard to the Department's policy, and also to the terms and conditions laid out in the Funding Agreement between King George V College and the EFA.

This Notice reflects the college's stated intention to secure a structural solution to be implemented following the end of the 2016/17 academic year. Should the college change its intention then we will review whether any changes are required to this Notice.

Since August 2014 the EFA has had a policy to publish Financial Notices to Improve (please refer to the DfE website for further details of this:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/sixth-form-colleges-financial-notices-to-improve>). We intend to publish this Notice no later than 22 April 2016.

I am copying this letter and Notice to the Skills Funding Agency and Sefton Council.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Williamson', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Paul Williamson
Director, Northern England
Education Funding Agency / Skills Funding Agency

Cc: Julian McInerney, Chair of Governors; Skills Funding Agency; Sefton Council