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I am writing to inform you of the Government's view of Lancashire Adult Learning Services position in the light of the FE Commissioner's stocktake assessment.

As you will be aware the FE Commissioner's assessment in January 2014 identified weaknesses in the governance of Lancashire Adult Learning Service and the need for Lancashire Adult Learning Service to restrict its focus to Adult and Community Learning. The assessment included a number of recommendations. In June 2015 one of the FE Commissioner's advisers conducted a short assessment in order to review the progress your Adult Learning Service had made against the recommendations.

I have now received the FE Commissioner's assessment report. A copy of the report is provided alongside this letter.

As you will see, the assessment concludes that Lancashire Adult Learning Service has fully addressed all the areas of concern that were identified in the initial visit from the FE Commissioner and in the subsequent stocktake assessments. The formal FE Commissioner intervention process is thus now at an end. The Skills Funding Agency will write to you shortly about its continuing monitoring process.

I am encouraged by the actions taken by Lancashire Adult Learning Service to implement the necessary improvements and welcome the FE Commissioner's recognition of the positive change of culture while the refreshed governing body now provides confidence that the Board can sustain improvement. I wish you every success with the continued improvement of Lancashire Adult Learning Service.

You should note that we do not plan to publish either this letter or the attached report.

NICK BOLES MP