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Dear Robert

Shadow arrangements for Skills Funding Agency and Young People's Learning Agency in the South East

The LSC will close at the end of March 2010 and will no longer have responsibility for funding 16-18 and adult skills in England. From April 2010, the Skills Funding Agency and the Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA) will take over these duties. In addition, responsibility for commissioning 16-18 education and training will transfer to local authorities.

I am writing to update you on the way that the LSC will work during the period until 31 March. As a key partner, I would like to ask for your support with the transitional changes ahead.

While we do need to change some of our current activities, we are determined to ensure that our core business is delivered effectively during the transition. We are already operating 'shadow' teams and management arrangements to create the structures to support our stakeholders during this period.

Each local authority and 16-18 provider will be supported by a young people's commissioning support team at the LSC to ensure a smooth transfer of responsibilities.

The Young People's Learning Agency will have three roles – supporting young people through education maintenance allowances, supporting local authorities' commissioning role for 16-18 year olds and funding Academies once they are up and running.

For adults, the new Provider Service function will begin to assume responsibility for funding and performance on adult skills provision. The Skills Funding Agency

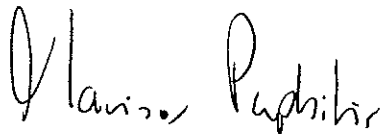
will adopt a new approach to engagement in the local economic development agenda. Local input from the learning and skills sector will be led by local colleges and providers while the Skills Funding Agency will maintain strategic oversight through a co-ordinating regional team.

During the past few months, we have made good progress in identifying the teams that will operate from April 2010 onwards. I am pleased to be able to give you the names of the senior appointees to the Young People's Learning Agency and Skills Funding Agency in the South East – these are set out in Annex A.

You may find that during this transition period the names of individuals within the LSC with whom you work change as staff take up new roles. But we are working towards permanent teams as quickly as possible.

If you have any questions during this transition, please contact me or the relevant person set out in Annex A.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marinos Paphitis'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Marinos Paphitis
Regional Director – South East

Annex A

Young People's Learning Agency – 16-19

Sue Samson is currently leading the Young Peoples Division for the LSC in the South East and will take up the role of YPLA Regional Director in the South East on April 1st.

Aidan Pettitt is currently leading on the 16-19 funding and allocations process and will continue with this responsibility as the Deputy Director for the YPLA in the South East.

Andy Toynton, Rachel Whittington and Chris Piper will take up the roles of Senior Advisors – Commissioning Support

The Commissioning Support and Active Engagement team will provide a single point of contact for local authorities and sub regional groupings, providing advice and guidance on issues such as funding formula and rates, and will source any specialist and technical expertise local authorities need.

Sarah Rusby will take up the role of Senior Advisor - Inclusion

This role will focus on inclusion and raising participation and have a particular focus to advise on the requirements and funding availability for vulnerable groups and assist with the planning of specialist provision across borders.

Yvonne Norman will take up the role of Head of Integrated Analytical Services

The Integrated Analytical Services team will focus on providing high quality intelligence and data to support decision making at the local and regional levels. This will support setting priorities and planning delivery. There is also a key role in supporting the moderation of plans to ensure that local authority plans are affordable.

David Waggett will take up the role of Senior Adviser – Regional Implementation

This role will support the Regional Planning Group in order to support the commissioning and allocations process, plan for full participation and deliver the learner.

Skills Funding Agency – post 19

Tony Allen will be the Regional Employer Skills Services Director in the South East. This role will involve working with regional partners to ensure that skills programmes for employers and learners reflect national and regional priorities.

David Smith will be the Senior Account Director, leading on the establishment of a new Skills Funding Agency Provider Service in the South East. This service will work with colleges and learning providers to deliver adult skills places across the region.

Marinos Paphitis will be national Executive Director – South, for the Skills Funding Agency. He will be responsible for priority sectors in the implementation of “New Industry: New Jobs” to tackle significant skills gaps and labour/skills shortages at national level with specific responsibility in the south of England. This covers the South East, South West and London regions.

Jill Lowery will be the Divisional Director for Provider Services for the south of England in the Skills Funding Agency. Jill will co-ordinate all Provider Services across the area and will also lead on the development of Single Account Management and Adult Learner Responsive Funding.

National Apprenticeship Service

Rachel McKellar will be **Director of Apprenticeships** – South East for the National Apprenticeship Service. She will be responsible for working with regional partners to raise the awareness and increase in the uptake of apprenticeships.