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Dear colleague

London LSC review of EBL

We have had numerous responses to our recent review. This valuable feedback has helped shape our thinking and highlight the key opportunities and barriers ahead.

The London LSC hopes to take up the many offers of support the review generated, and to engage a wider group of partners to help us move forward across the capital. We believe there is significant consensus on what needs to be done and we know a range of partners, old and new, have important contributions to make.

In our response paper, we describe what we believe are the next key steps. The list of actions is not exhaustive, but it outlines the key tenets of a strategy and a number of important changes.

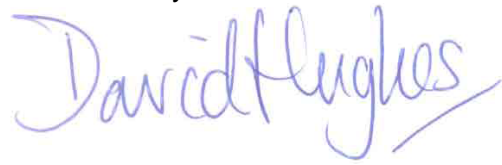
We advocate a vision that initially stretches to 2011 and suggest a widening of scope that will allow us to exploit synergy across a range of agendas.

At this time, some national policy changes have yet to be clarified. We have therefore struck a balance, advancing urgently on important areas while retaining the flexibility to adapt to further policy changes ahead.

The first Diplomas, 2011 World Skills and 2012 are all milestones on the journey ahead. There is much to be accomplished in the meantime.

We look forward to the challenge and to playing our part from January, working with you and our many partners.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Hughes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end of the word "Hughes".

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