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Dear Alan

Raising Expectations: staying in education and training post-16

I am delighted to send you the formal response of the Learning and Skills Council to the above Green Paper.

You will see that the Council wholeheartedly endorses the proposal to enable all young people to benefit from learning until at least the age of 18. In particular, we would point out that we are uniquely positioned to ensure that a learning offer is in place up to age 18 which spans the whole range from full-time general education to part-time training for those in employment, is delivered by schools, colleges, training providers and the voluntary sector, and includes provision from Entry Level to Level 3 as well as non-formal awards.

We recognise the challenges which we will face in ensuring that the learning offer is appropriate to the needs of young people, and of high quality, but are confident that those challenges can be met. We will continue to work with your officials and Local Authorities to make this vision a reality.

Yours sincerely



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