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Dear Mr Batten,

### **Issue of a Financial Notice to Improve**

We confirmed at the meeting with you on 29 September 2015 that the financial health of Barrow Sixth Form College is graded as inadequate and that we would be issuing you with a Financial Notice to Improve. This Notice is attached and copied to Mike Phipps, Chair of Governors for the College.

The Department for Education's (DfE) published position on 16-19 Accountability and its policy on responding to inadequate financial health are available here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/16-to-19-education-accountability>.

In addition, 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 Education Funding Agency (EFA) will have regard to the Department's policy, and also to the terms and conditions laid out in the Funding Agreement between Barrow Sixth Form College and the EFA.

This Notice reflects the College's stated intention to secure a structural solution (merger, academisation and membership of a MAT, e.g.) to be implemented following the end of the 2015/16 academic year. Should the College change its intention then we will review whether any changes are required to the 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 15 January 2016.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P Williamson".

Paul Williamson  
Director, Northern England

**Cc:** Mike Phipps, Chair of Governors; Skills Funding Agency; Cumbria County Council.