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Dear Peter

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a written response recognising the leadership activity of South Thames College Group in relation to delivery of South London Annex of the Local Skills Improvement Plan.

South London Partnership response to FE Accountability Statement

South London Partnership (SLP), one of London's sub-regional partnerships, is responsible for developing the South London annex to the London Local Skills Improvement Plan. SLP have been working together with further education providers across South London to strengthen London's talent system enabling a more responsive skills system to drive economic growth. South Thames Colleges Group are a key employer and provider stakeholder whose curriculum and activity reflect the skills priorities identified within the South London annex of the London Local Skills Improvement Plan and demonstrates a clear commitment to meeting local, regional and national workforce needs. The college undertakes various partnership activities to support skills development, economic growth and learner progression. These include attendance at the termly Education Group South London, the governance group that leads on bring educators together to deliver actions included within the South London annex of the LSIP, informing the refresh of the LSIP annex and committing to deliver actions through ongoing partnership activity, evidenced through signatory of the South London Skills and Employment Charter. The College Group has shown a strong commitment to aligning its curriculum offer with employer demand, expanding opportunities in priority sectors and ensuring learners are equipped with the skills required for future employment.

South Thames Colleges group has also signed the South London University and College Partnership memorandum of understanding, solidifying their commitment supporting economic growth through partnerships and innovation.

As a committed member of the Education Group South London, the college demonstrate a strong understanding of local labour market requirements and the challenges facing employers. The College Group's commitment to strengthening employer partnerships, developing sector-specific skills programmes and creating progression pathways will help ensure that local people gain the skills needed for high-demand careers. We look forward to continuing our collaboration in delivering the ambitions set out in this Statement and progressing actions identified within the Local Skills Improvement Plan.



Specifically South Thames Colleges Group take a leading role in the subregion and actively identify and bring together FE providers through their ownership of the administrative function of the Education Group South London, as well as being pivotal members of the Skills and Employment Alliance. STCG bring partners together to share best practice and to explore and test what could be done better, together. STCG also lead on the spoke of the Construction Technical Excellent College, galvanising partnership relationships and linking with the emerging subregional multi sector hub and the wider sector talent system. STCG are also key partners in delivering of Youth Guarantee Trailblazers, signifying their ongoing commitment to the outcomes of young learners beyond the education they provide.

Your support and partnership approach is appreciated, and we look forward to continuing this partnership activity throughout delivery of the 2026-2029 South London Annex of the London Local Skills Improvement Plan.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Hamilton

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