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Dear Mr Walton

I am writing to seek clarification, in my capacity as Chair of the Haringey Schools Forum, and on behalf of the forum, in respect of the arrangements governing the transfer of post 16 funding responsibility from the Learning and Skills Council to the Local Authority.

Haringey Council and the Haringey Schools Forum are committed to ensuring that schools are informed of their provisional budget shares well in advance of the start of the financial year. Can you assure me that the same will be the case in respect of the allocations to school budgets for post 16 funding?

I am also advised that funding payments will need to be made to post 16 providers on 20 April; clearly in order to achieve this deadline the Authority will need to know in good time and with confidence of the respective amounts to be paid. I understand that there is a view in the department that processes are in place and expected to operate effectively. However, in the light of the difficulties and confusion that occurred in 2009-10, I am seeking confirmation that the proposed timescales setting out when the final detailed funding information will be passed to authorities will be maintained.

You will be aware that in 2009/10 the funding notifications for schools with sixth forms were notified as final on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009, were 'revised' and notified again as final in a letter dated March 31 and amended subsequent to that date following the government's decision to provide additional resources for 2009-10.

I am sure that you appreciate the Forum's concern that the authority's ability to make payments efficiently and for providers to plan sensibly relies on the information from the YPLA being timely and accurate.

Yours sincerely,

**Tony Brockman**  
Chair Haringey Schools Forum

cc. Peter Lauener – Chief Executive YPLA