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Dear Professor Brown

**AUDITOR GENERAL FOR SCOTLAND (AGS) REPORT “[THE 2013/14 AUDIT OF COATBRIDGE COLLEGE: GOVERNANCE OF SEVERANCE ARRANGEMENTS](#)”
- INVITATION TO GIVE ORAL EVIDENCE**

Thank you for your letter of 15 January 2016 regarding the Committee’s consideration of the above AGS report.

Given our recent work on colleges and the key role that the SFC plays, the Committee has agreed that it would be helpful to discuss our report findings and the SFC’s response to them at a meeting. I would like to invite you and Laurence Howells to give oral evidence at the Public Audit Committee meeting on the morning of **Wednesday 24 February 2016**. In advance of this meeting it would be very helpful to receive the SFC’s written response to our report on Coatbridge College. I would be grateful to receive this by 17 February.

Arrangements for Oral Evidence

The meeting is due to start at 9.00 am and will be held in the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh. Your evidence session is scheduled to begin at **11.00 am**, and will be held in public. I would be grateful if you could confirm your willingness to attend, as soon as possible, but by no later than Wednesday 17 February 2016 to the Clerk to the Public Audit Committee, via email pa.committee@scottish.parliament.uk. Nearer the time of the Committee meeting we will confirm the exact meeting arrangements.

On the day of the meeting, you should come to the Parliament’s main public entrance in Horse Wynd and aim to arrive no later than **10.45 am**. On arrival please

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make yourself known to security staff without waiting in any queues outside the building. Once you have been issued with your witness pass you will be directed to a designated waiting area where you will be met by a member of committee staff.

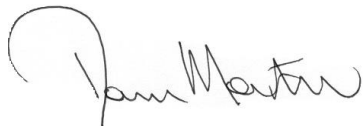
Please note that your contact details will be passed on to the official report so that you can be contacted about your oral evidence to the committee.

The meeting papers for the meeting will be available on the Scottish Parliament's web page (link below), by 6pm on Friday 19 February 2016.

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If you wish a named official other than yourself to deal with the meeting arrangements and correspondence, please provide the name, telephone number and address of this contact, and all subsequent correspondence will be sent to him or her. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Clerks to the Committee on 0131 348 5236 or by email at: pa.committee@scottish.parliament.uk

Yours sincerely



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