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Richard Leonard MSP Convener Public Audit Committee Scottish Parliament Edinburgh EH99 1SP

Dear Convenor

2022/23 audit of South Lanarkshire College

I am writing to advise the Public Audit Committee that I have decided not to produce a Section 22 report on the 2022/23 audit of South Lanarkshire College.

The appointed auditor's most recent annual audit has identified continued progress since my previous Section 22 reports on the college. The 2022/23 Annual Audit Report (AAR) states that the college has responded positively to the recommendations set out in the 2020/21 and 2021/22 statutory reports. New appointments have been made to the college's Board of Management. A new Principal and Chief Executive was appointed in April 2023. The AAR notes that the college made other key staffing appointments after the end of the financial year which, taken together, should strengthen its strategic leadership. The AAR concludes that the three outstanding 2020/21 recommendations are now fully implemented.

The appointed auditor will continue to monitor South Lanarkshire College's progress and I will report in public as appropriate.

I hope you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Boyle Auditor General for Scotland