



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Public Audit Committee

Francesca Osowska
Chief Executive
Scottish Funding Council

11 July 2025

Dear Ms Osowska

The 2022/23 audit of Forth Valley College

As you will be aware, the Public Audit Committee took evidence from the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS) on the above section 22 report at its [meeting on 4 June 2025](#). The Committee considered [further information provided by the AGS](#) at its meeting on 25 June 2025 and agreed to seek a written response from you to the following questions.

During the evidence session on 4 June 2024 questions arose around the role played by the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) in the oversight of commercial activities in the college sector. The Committee notes the emerging risks that increased participation by colleges in commercial activities will bring to the college sector, along with the need to ensure that public money is spent appropriately.

Can you provide the Committee with details of the oversight that the SFC has in the commercial activities of colleges, and the steps that are being taken to ensure that risks are managed effectively.

One of the key messages in the AGS's report states that Forth Valley College has "implemented the recommendations made in a lessons learned report".


Can you provide the Committee with details of how the SFC, working with the Scottish Government, has ensured that lessons learned from these events have been shared across the wider college sector.

If you would also like to provide a response to any of the other issues raised during the evidence session on 4 June 2025, you are welcome to do so.

A similar letter has been sent to Neil Rennick, Director-General Education and Justice. The Committee would be grateful for a response by **Friday 22 August 2025**.

Contact: Public Audit Committee, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP.
Email publicaudit.committee@parliament.scot. We welcome calls through Relay UK and in BSL through Contact Scotland BSL.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Leonard". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Richard Leonard MSP

Convener