



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Public Audit Committee

Neil Rennick
Director-General Education and Justice
Scottish Government

11 July 2025

Dear Mr Rennick

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 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.

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". During the evidence session on 4 June 2024 questions also arose around the lessons to be learned for the wider college sector, including other stakeholders in the sector following the events that occurred at Forth Valley College.

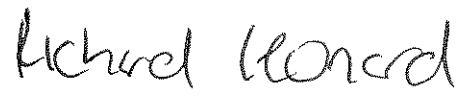
Can you provide the Committee with details of how the Scottish Government, working with the Scottish Funding Council, has ensured that lessons learned from these events have been shared across the wider college sector.

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 Francesca Osowska, Chief Executive at the Scottish Funding Council. 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