

## SKILLS DELIVERY INDEPENDENT REVIEW

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Dear Richard

I am writing to you having recently been appointed as the independent advisor to lead the review of the skills delivery landscape.

[The Terms of Reference](#) for my appointment have been published on the Scottish Government website and will form the basis for developing my recommendations. This is a critically important review to shape the future landscape and I am very much looking forward to getting started with it.

In taking on the role I start with a completely open mind on both the current landscape and its potential future shape. I am keen that I engage fully with a range of stakeholders, users and, of course, the agencies themselves to ensure I have access to a broad range of views to inform my recommendations, which are due to be delivered in Spring 2023.

I am currently working with my secretariat to develop an engagement programme the Review. I recognise and welcome the interest that your Committee and members have in delivering a skills system that works for all our citizens. I would be happy to discuss my role and programme of work further with you if that would be helpful.

I have also written to the Convener's of the Children and Young People Committee and Economy and Fair Work Committee.

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