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Dear Stephen,

I am writing in connection with the publication on Tuesday 10 May of The Adult Learning Strategy which I am delighted to have published.

The strategy is available online at www.gov.scot/isbn/9781802018301

The Adult Learning Strategy's vision is that adult learning in Scotland will develop better skilled, educated, confident and empowered people contributing to connected and inclusive communities. Our aim is to improve the life chances for adult learners across Scotland and to create the conditions for connected adult learning opportunities that link Scotland's communities, local authorities, third sector organisations, colleges and universities around an offer of learning for adults, particularly those furthest from inclusion and experiencing disadvantage.

As our first adult learning strategy it has ambitious and bold actions to remove barriers to learning, enabling more adults to begin and continue their learning journeys. It sets out the Scottish Government's ambition for creating new and increased positive pathways in collaboration with community-based adult learners. To do so, all those involved in creating a more responsive and cohesive education system will need to work closely together so that support is provided at each stage of an individual's learning journey to help them achieve their potential.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss the strategy with you in due course.

Yours sincerely

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