



**Lord Hill of Oareford**

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Schools

Sanctuary Buildings Great Smith Street Westminster London SW1P 3BT  
tel: 0370 0002288 [www.education.gov.uk/contactus](http://www.education.gov.uk/contactus)

Tom Riordan  
Chief Executive, Leeds City Council  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Civic Hall  
Leeds LS1 1UR

5<sup>th</sup> December 2012

Dear Mr. Riordan,

Thank you for your letter of 16 November expressing your interest in developing up to two University Technical Colleges in Leeds. I am very encouraged to learn that partners in Leeds are interested in this, as I think it would bring an exciting new type of provision to your area.

As you say in your letter, the expression of interest is not compliant with the requirements we have published for applicants. You have not provided details of the education vision and plan for your proposition, the evidence of demand, or capacity and capability, and you have not submitted financial plans. We are therefore not able to consider it as part of this competitive round. I understand that the Baker Dearing Trust have already indicated to you that this would be the case, so I hope this is not a surprise, even if it is a disappointment.

I do hope, however, that employer and university partners will continue working to develop a vision and plan for the UTCs you would like to develop in Leeds, in order to submit a full application in a future round. The strength of that partnership is crucial.

I am copying this letter to the vice-chancellors of Leeds Metropolitan University and the University of Leeds, the Principal of Leeds Trinity University College, and Lord Baker and Charles Parker of the Baker Dearing Trust.

Yours sincerely,

  
JONATHAN HILL

I am very keen that you should apply in a future round and I am sure that you would be able to put in a very strong bid. If there is any advice we can give you, please let me know.