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Subject: RE: Follow Up [REDACTED]

Dear Stuart,

I hope you are well and that the conference went well last week. I know Brett found it very useful and interesting – but I imagine it was fairly all-consuming!
I am following up on our conversation the other day to check if there have been any developments?
I wondered whether you had managed to speak to Morag Redford and reassure her that it would be worthwhile for Scottish HEIs to progress conversations around a potential partnership.

Also I wondered whether there was any progress around the tender itself? It would be good to catch up with either yourself or David Roy if that is still possible.
Separately – you will recall that we discussed the option of a partnership pilot rather than a tender. After our CEO met the DFM at your conference we are following up with a letter to the DFM with a bit more detail around this idea – which I can share with you also if that would be helpful. As I mentioned to you our main worry is that the tender process may not allow enough time to develop and deliver a successful programme starting in 2018 especially if there is any further delay beyond may.

I hope that makes sense. I would be happy to chat on the phone if that would be easier.

Best

James

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From: James Westhead
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Dear Stuart,

Very good to speak yesterday morning – thanks for your time. I'm just sending a short note to capture our conversation.

We discussed the need for the tender process and you gave a broad outline of likely timing which was very helpful. You anticipated that the tender would be issued by early june at the latest but most likely by mid may. You agreed that it would be useful to have a further more detailed conversation so that as commissioners you could understand fully what we could offer and our limitations and you will speak to David Roy to arrange this when he's back next week.

You also said you would speak to Morag Redford to emphasise the Government view that HEI's should be involved in discussions with Teach First around this potential tender and they would not be wasting their time as Teach First is a credible bidder so that we can start those discussions. I will follow up on this point with Morag next week. You also thought you could locate something already published which would help emphasise this point.

Thanks again for your advice and I hope preparations for the summit go well.

Warm regards,



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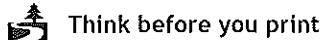
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