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Kenneth Baker's memo is fine, except for one point of detail in para 8 - dealing with the composition of governing bodies of FE colleges.

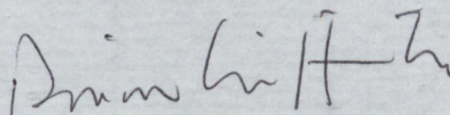
"I propose that they should have 26 members, 12 of them from business and the professions"

Comment

- (a) Should not 12 be increased to 13? - otherwise insiders and LEA nominees could totally dominate the governing body.
- (b) Should not the professions exclude internal members of the institution?

Conclusion

The major purpose of these reforms is to introduce a breath of fresh air into educational institutions. For this to be achieved it is essential that the composition of governing bodies is constructed with a majority of outsiders and non-educationalists.



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