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**Protect the future of
Further Education
in Shetland**

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by company law!**

Proposals are being considered to merge Shetland College, Train Shetland and the NAFC Marine Centre. Whilst the EIS is supportive of the proposed merger, it has significant concerns about recommendations which suggest the new college will be an unincorporated body – essentially a company limited by guarantee.

Why is the EIS concerned about this?

An unincorporated body:

- is not subject to the same level of Government oversight as the 20 incorporated colleges across Scotland.
- is not a public body, accountable in law to the Scottish Parliament
- can change their governance arrangements without Parliamentary oversight
- is only liable, if something goes wrong, up to the financial ceiling set when the company is formed – this can be as little as £1 per company director!

Compare this with Incorporated Colleges, which are:

- Public Bodies
- Accountable to the Scottish Parliament by statute
- Subject to reports being completed by Audit Scotland on their financial stability
- Can have their Board of Management withdrawn if Scottish Ministers decide to intervene.

With the level of public funding being invested in our colleges, students and staff deserve the security of knowing their education and jobs are protected by the incorporated status of the college.

Help us to protect Further Education in Shetland

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