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cc. David Rees MS, Chair, Llywydd's Committee
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Dear John,

I am writing to inform you that today I published a White Paper setting out an ambitious long-term agenda for modernising electoral administration. A link to the publication is attached: <https://gov.wales/electoral-administration-and-reform-white-paper>.

In this Senedd term, it will contribute to the delivery of our Programme for Government commitment to reduce the democratic deficit in local government. It will also support the delivery of our Senedd reform commitments by providing for the modernised administration of reformed Senedd elections in 2026.

The paper includes a mixture of non-legislative propositions to promote engagement in elections and make standing for election safer and more straight forward, legislative proposals to modernise the administration of elections, improve the conduct of electoral and community reviews for local government and consolidate electoral law, and longer-term propositions for electoral reform to support Welsh democracy.

If you would wish to receive more information about the White Paper my officials are available to provide a technical briefing for the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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