

To: Committee Chairs

15 July 2015

Dear Committee Chair

In order to maintain the momentum generated by the Assembly's visit to Wrexham earlier this year, and building on the lessons we learned, I am eager to deliver another Senedd@ event in the autumn term in Swansea as it had the lowest turnout of all in the 2011 elections.

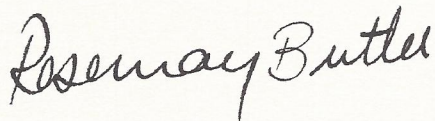
The week 12-18 October 2015 is ideal as it coincides with European Local Democracy Week and we are therefore planning activities to take place at that time.

One of the key findings of the Senedd@Wrexham evaluation was the need to enable committees to consider their potential involvement earlier in the planning process. Therefore, I am inviting any suggestions your committee may have about how you can be involved in the Senedd@Swansea initiative.

Both the Deputy Presiding Officer and I took an active part in the comprehensive programme of events, visits and workshops at Senedd@Wrexham which directly engaged over 2,000 people in the Assembly's work. We, and the Members who were able to be involved received extremely positive feedback and this was also reflected in the local media. The Swansea event could provide your committee with an opportunity to forge new working relationships with many local organisations and local media.

Should this be of interest to you or your Committee I would be grateful if you could ask your Committee Clerk to liaise with my office to discuss further.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.



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