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Dear Mike,

Since I wrote to you on 15 November, I have given more consideration to the implications of the Wales Bill and the opportunity its enactment may offer by way of reforms to voting and registration for local government elections. My intention is to consult on a package of proposals, some of which, in due course, might be piloted at local by-elections.

While it is true that the Assembly already has competence in relation to “electoral arrangements” for local government, any legislative proposal dealing with the voting system would require an assessment of the exceptions to the Assembly’s legislative competence of “electoral registration and administration”. Enactment of the Wales Bill, should that take place, will expand the Assembly’s competence in relation to elections, enabling us to develop future policy in relation to both local and Assembly elections.

Best wishes,

Mark.

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