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I am writing to ask for your support in next week's ballot for Chair of the Business, Innovation and Skills Select Committee. In the shadow of recession, the BIS Select Committee needs to provide informed, transparent and effective scrutiny of the Government strategy to deliver sustainable growth for the UK economy.

We need to embrace a new politics of transparency and inclusion to help deliver both growth and our environmental targets. This means making the best use of our MPs - including new MPs who bring fresh insights and experience - to earn the confidence of the business & trade union communities, environmentalists and the general public.

This requires a fresh approach with relevant experience to help the BIS Committee add real value. Small business success is essential. I have started and run two small businesses as well as developed and managed products for blue chip companies in the UK & Europe. I am UK Vice President (President Neil Kinnock), Wales Chair and former UK Chair of the Labour Finance & Industry Group who have advised Labour Ministers on industrial policy since 1974.

Enterprise and local government must work together and as Leader of London's largest Council I introduced the South London Tram System and established formal partnership with the business community before entering Parliament in 1997. I am keen to include others who have industrial, RDA or local government & environment experience in our scrutiny role

The BIS Committee must ensure that the Government's strategy for business is part a broader sustainable development plan. I've spent the past 5 years out of Parliament leading Wales' adaptation to climate change - as Executive Chair of the Council Leaders, academics, business leaders and environmentalists who decide the Welsh Assembly investment programme in flood defences across Wales via the Environment Agency. As a Co-operative Party and GMB supported MP I put communities at the centre of our economic success.

I'm pleased to have been nominated by a broad mix of MPs on all counts. Together we can make a fresh start to meet the new challenges we face and I'd be delighted to talk with you about your priorities for BIS and my candidacy on xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Yours ever

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