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In November I announced the appointment of Dr Anwen Elias as Chair of the new Innovating Democracy Advisory Group. The Group is being established in response to the recommendations of the Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales. It proposed a set of reforms to strengthen democracy in Wales, including establishing an expert panel to explore innovative ways to increase understanding of democracy.

The application process for group members is now open and published on the Welsh Government public appointments website: Public Appointments. We are seeking to bring together influencers and advisors in the field of democratic innovation, participation and involvement. We are looking for people who want to contribute to new ways for people to take part in politics, to ensure that people in Wales have a voice in decision-making at all levels of government.

We believe that Wales should be ambitious in creating a robust democratic culture, and this is an opportunity to revitalise the way that the people of Wales interact and engage with the institutions and processes that effect our daily lives.

Democracy doesn't stay still. It is the responsibility of the whole of civic society to ensure it evolves and thrives. This group will continue the collaborative and consensual style of working demonstrated by the Commission, to strengthen the capacity for democratic innovation and citizen involvement in Wales.

I will continue to update the Senedd on developments in this area.