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Dear Alex,

PROXY VOTING

You will recall that the Committee on Procedures wrote to you on 1 July 2020 to inform you of its decision to consider proxy voting as part of its ongoing review of Standing Orders.

As part of its initial inquiries, the Committee wrote to its counterparts in other local legislatures seeking views and practices on proxy voting. In response to the Committee, the House of Commons Procedures Committee forwarded a copy of its recently published report on proxy voting.

At its meeting on 17 September 2020, the Committee agreed to forward a copy of the report to you for information.

I am also pleased to inform you that the Committee reviewed its work priorities and has agreed for proxy voting to be included in its forward work programme.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Dillon MLA Chairperson, Committee on Procedures.