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Nick

Further to Linda Dillon's letter of 5 October regarding the above.

The Democratic Unionist Party is content to continue with Proxy Voting for the foreseeable future. However, we do have some concern regarding the 9.30 deadline for appointing proxy arrangements. We have had a number of instances where members have been notified of potential exposure to COVID 19 and had to leave the building during the course of the day. Unfortunately at that stage it is not possible to transfer their vote for that day's business.

I believe there is merit in retaining this option for members in the long term future where member's individual circumstances may not permit them to be present in the building for health or other personal reasons.

Kind Regards

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