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Annwyl Zaynab,

I am writing to inform you that I have appointed four new members to the Social Partnership Council (SPC) to fill the vacant employer and worker representative positions:

1. Sarah Davies (Deputy Regional Director Unite the Union) will be replacing Peter Hughes;
2. Nicola Williams (Executive Director RCN) will be replacing Helen Whyley;
3. Laura Doel (General Secretary TUC Cymru) will be replacing Shavannah Taj; and
4. Professor Elwen Evans (Chair, Universities Wales) will be replacing Professor Wendy Larnier.

I am looking forward to working with them and continuing the important work of the SPC.

They are joining the existing membership of the SPC:

Worker Representatives

Ruth Brady, GMB

Neil Butler, National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers

Gareth Lloyd, University and College Union

Jess Turner, UNISON

Mike Walker, Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers

Sian Boyles, Public and Commercial Services Union

Employer Representatives

Pippa Britton, Voluntary Sector

Aled Edwards, Public Sector

Joshua Miles, Business

Russell Greenslade, Business

Councillor Anthony Hunt, Local Government

Nicola Prygodzicz, Health

Janis Richards, Business

Kathryn Robson, Further Education.

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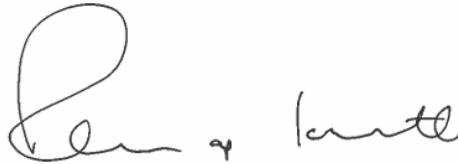
Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn yr iaith honno ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

The Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act 2023 established the Social Partnership Council, which I chair as First Minister. The membership is made up of employer and worker representatives from the public, private and third sectors in Wales.

I am committed to Social Partnership as an effective way of working collaboratively with trade unions and employers to enable us to find solutions to complex challenges and achieve common goals. The Social Partnership Council demonstrates the value of this approach by helping to ensure solutions to problems don't come either at the expense of workers' rights and livelihoods, or at the expense of service delivery.

Yn gywir,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rhun ap Iorwerth', written in a cursive style.

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