

Parliament – 2020 Vision For Democratic Renewal

The Parliament of the year 2020 should be a world-class benchmark of democracy fully utilising 24/7 social media communications and emerging technology to engage and consult more with greater accountability to the electorate. People should be represented by a true cross-section of the electorate serving selflessly and solely dedicated to address the needs of the nation and globally.

In future politicians should operate against a service level agreement with their Constituency electorate with high standards, clear goals and targets that they can be evaluated against. The following core elements of democratic service are proposed as foundations for the role of elected politicians:

KEY DEMOCRATIC FOUNDATIONS FOR A WORLD-CLASS DEMOCRACY & PARLIAMENT

MPs fully complying with the Seven Principles Of Public Life and Investor In Democracy public service standards	MP on market rate salaries with total focus on serving constituents – no other paid work (Except charitable/community benefit roles)	Constituents having the power by consensus opinion to recall their MP and hold by-election if dissatisfied with standards of service/representation.
True electorate representation rather than party whip dictates. Via regular communication/consultation with the electorate. eg: by social media/public forums etc.	By consensus agreement - seeking co-operation with opposition parties etc to develop and agree long term strategies for key sectors of the economy and public services	To provide value for money to the electorate in the representational role and in policy formulation/public service expenditure using best value and evaluation principles
To display qualities of leadership, innovation, and professionalism at all times	To support truly independent scrutiny of public spending and service standards in public life by supporting nomination of representatives of the people as 'watchdogs'	To proactively seek to prevent public spending scandals (eg: such as the £26 Billion allegedly wasted on failed computer systems - in the UK health service)