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West Midlands MEP takes on EU Budget Role

West Midland Conservative MEP, Philip Bradbourn OBE has taken on a new role as Conservative Spokesman on the influential Budgetary Control Committee of the European Parliament. The committee, similar the Public Accounts Committee at Westminster, is a key part of Parliament's scrutiny of the overall EU budget and in ensuring value for money. Mr Bradbourn will also remain a leading member of the Transport and Tourism Committee.

At a time when public finances are under increasing strain it is vital to ensure that every penny of EU expenditure provides value for money, is properly accounted for and makes a difference. As a member of the committee Mr Bradbourn will have a roving brief to examine all areas of the EU budget and is looking forward to this fresh challenge.

Commenting on his appointment Mr Bradbourn said; **"Value for money is always important but especially in the current financial climate. As British Conservative Spokesman on the committee I will be working hard to ensure that every penny of EU expenditure delivers value for money and will be looking very closely to make sure that what the EU spends is properly accounted for both by the European Commission and also by the Member States who spend a great deal of the EU Budget. British Conservatives have consistently voted against signing off the EU Budget because of lack of accountability and that we shall continue to do until there is proof positive from the EUs auditors that the historic problems of accounting properly for what is taxpayers money have been solved."**

A number of changes have been made to parliamentary committee memberships as the Parliament has now reached the half way point between elections which is traditionally when appointments are reviewed.

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Notes to the Editor

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