



News Report

from Philip Bradbourn MEP

*for the West
Midlands*

Release: Immediate
Date: 21st October 2009
Brussels: 00 322 284 7407
UK: 01676 530 621

Local Euro MP appointed to high-profile position in European Parliament Commonwealth Group

Local Conservative MEP, Philip Bradbourn, was appointed today as the Vice Chairman of the European Parliament's Commonwealth Group, a high profile and promising appointment given Mr. Bradbourn's key role in founding the 2004 Friends of the Commonwealth Group in the European Parliament and his continuing commitment to international cooperation.

Speaking from Strasbourg today, Mr. Bradbourn said of the appointment:

"I am delighted to have been appointed as Vice Chairman of the European Parliament's Commonwealth Group. It is particularly pleasing that my colleagues from the three Commonwealth Countries which are members of the European Union have recognised that we have a huge job to do in re-building links with the Commonwealth after years of neglect in the UK.

As a founding member of the 2004 Friends of the Commonwealth in the European Parliament, I am enthused at the prospect of taking on a position of such responsibility in 2009 and beyond. With the UK's historical and continuing economic and political relationship with the Commonwealth, I believe that this group is of great significance to the progression of these long-standing, important ties."

For more information please contact Paul Brannon in the UK on 01676 530 621.