

SUGGESTION

Meeting the three bullet points: Engagement, Identity (or image), and checks and balances.

Community Councils would be energized by the task, each being consigned to a group, and each group, on a rotational basis, being asked to consider proposed bills.

* This would be, and be seen to be, genuine engagement between parliament and people.

* This would add greatly to the status and purpose of Community Councils, and to Parliament as having respect for all citizens.

* This would be a very inexpensive way of providing something like a revising chamber, and hugely more "of the demos" than a House of Lords"!

My experience is that Community Councils often contain diligent, intelligent, experienced and conscientious folk whose wisdom is particularly to be valued as not always drawn from traditional "elite" sources.

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