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Sarah Champion MP to stand for Chair of the Backbench Business Committee

Sarah Champion, Member of Parliament for Rotherham, has announced that she's standing for Chair of the Backbench Business Committee in Parliament. Established by the House in 2010, the committee gives an opportunity to backbench MPs to bring forward debates of their choice. It has an allocation of time outside Government control to schedule debates on any subject put forward by backbench MPs.

Since first being elected as Member of Parliament for Rotherham in 2012, Sarah has held debates in Parliament on topics including electoral reform, gender pay equality and human rights as well as local issues affecting her constituents. These debates have led to changes in legislation and shaped the development of policy. Sarah also managed to change the law on child grooming, something almost unheard of for a backbench MP.

Discussing her decision to stand as Chair, Sarah said:

"Now, more than ever, Back Benchers need to be a powerful voice in Parliament. It is vital that we have the opportunity to raise issues, campaign, represent our constituents and challenge where we feel necessary. I want to Chair the Back Bench Business Committee to make sure that our voice is heard."

"I know first-hand the potential for change that being a Back Bencher can, and does, bring. I want all my colleagues to be able to use the tools available to them and I will fight to make sure those rights continue. I'm a fair and collaborative MP; I want to make positive change and I won't be swayed by party politics. I'm committed to ensuring that a strong sense of democracy is maintained and built upon."

"I'm proud to be standing for this role and excited about the potential that lies ahead. I hope that my fellow MPs decide to vote for me as Chair of the Backbench Business Committee."

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