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Subject: Next Manufacturing Open Forum Event - 2 June

Dear All

Tuesday 2 June is the next available date that has the Forbes House meeting rooms available and does not clash with other activities (such as test day) or school holidays (possible impact on speaker availability and attendance). I have arranged for the provisional booking of the Forbes House rooms on that day.

Although the January 28 event was very successful we have learned that it is better to have fewer items in the programme and more group discussion time, in addition to one-to-one sessions.

Most of the issues for future events suggested by attendees of the last event were still based around funding and Government policy with some interest in advanced technology, innovations to support manufacturing and support for specific sectors within automotive.

We need to determine a suitable programme for this event. A recent discussion with Konstanze and Jonathan yielded the following suggestions:

1. Latest status on the Government assistance to the automotive industry and how it can practically be accessed
2. Financial Sector Forum - how banks view our industry
3. NAIGT / low carbon

Please let me have your suggestions for the programme

Of course I realise things are changing very fast for the industry and the 2 June is some time off but we do need time to plan the event so have to determine the basic theme for the event soon.

Many thanks

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