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John Griffiths MS
Chair of the Local Government and Housing Committee

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Dear John,

Joint working between committees in the Sixth Senedd

As the Senedd committee responsible for scrutinising all aspects of equality, social justice, and the Well-Being of Future Generations Act, our broad remit includes a number of important cross-cutting issues of mutual interest and potential joint working.

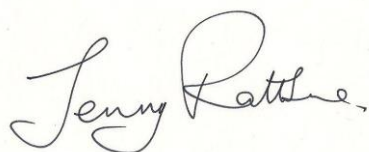
I would like to invite you to consider opportunities for joint working as part of any strategic planning discussions you may be having in your Committee in the autumn term.

Early work on debt

I wanted to make you aware that the Committee has agreed to conduct a short inquiry on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on levels of indebtedness in Wales. This work is currently at the scoping stage but is likely to look at how the pandemic has exacerbated existing trends in terms of housing, consumer and personal debt and the ability of debt advice and other public services to respond to those who may be struggling financially. We will be giving further consideration to this area of work in the autumn and I would be happy to provide you with more information as these plans develop.

If your Committee has any ideas for joint working you would like to discuss further please contact the clerking team.

Yours sincerely,



Jenny Rathbone MS
Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.