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Mr John Griffiths MS
Chair of Local Government and Housing Committee
Welsh Parliament
Cardiff Bay

Via email

Dear John,

Request to provide additional evidence to the Local Government and Housing Committee as part of Stage 1 scrutiny of the Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Bill

I recently met with Housing Cabinet Members across Wales to discuss the Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Bill and members shared a number of significant concerns about aspects and some specific proposals in the Bill.

Given local authorities hold the statutory duty on homelessness, and the biggest impact of the Bill in terms of implications for public sector bodies will be councils, members felt the need to seek another opportunity for local authority elected members to share their views with the Committee. We are aware that council officers provided evidence on 26th June, and we are supportive of the views and feedback they provided. However, the Committee has also received evidence from a number of other stakeholders and interested parties on the Bill, and we feel another evidence session for local government to share views at a political level, also reflecting on some of the views that have been expressed, would be helpful and reflect the critical role councils play and will play should the Bill be enacted. We would be happy to provide some additional written evidence, supported by case studies to exemplify our concerns, in advance of another session for consideration by members of the Committee.

You will be aware this is not a request that we have made before which hopefully reflects the seriousness with which members attach to this issue, and we would very much appreciate if you could consider this request positively. We appreciate it may not be possible to arrange a session prior to the summer recess but we hope that this could be arranged sometime in the Autumn, prior to the Committee finalising its scrutiny of the Bill.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



Cllr Andrea Lewis

WLGA Spokesperson for Housing and Deputy Leader of Swansea Council

Cc: Jayne Bryant, Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government
Chairs of Finance Committee and Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee