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Mr John Griffiths MS  
Chair for Local Government & Housing Committee

Dear John

Thank you for your letter of 18<sup>th</sup> July, in response to my request for an additional evidence session for elected members to provide their views on the Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Bill. The Committee's inability to accommodate this was disappointing however we have taken advantage of the offer to receive further evidence from local government to feed into the Committee's deliberations.

Please find attached a paper which sets out the main concerns councils have shared with the WLGA and asked they be shared with the Committee. This paper builds on our initial response to the consultation exercise on the draft Bill and is supported by additional information, shared by councils, that aims to set out how aspects of the Bill will impact on local authorities, the additional capacity and resources required for successful implementation, as well as some real life case studies that reflect the type of individualised approach councils need to take to support homeless people and those at threat of homelessness, but this also relies on the person working with the council to be successful. We hope this additional information will exemplify the issues and concerns raised in the paper.

I would wish to stress again that local government is supportive of the aims of the Bill of increased prevention, providing good quality temporary accommodation where needed for as short a time as possible through supporting and enabling people to find, move on and sustain permanent accommodation. This is an ambition that is shared with Welsh Government, as is the need to significantly increase the supply of housing, particularly social housing to meet the increased demand for homelessness services over recent years. Councils have been undertaking tremendous work to tackle homelessness, developing

innovative approaches and transforming their services and will continue to do so, and I hope the Committee will agree our commitment in this area is clear.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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**WLGA Spokesperson for Housing and Deputy Leader of Swansea Council**

Cc: Jayne Bryant, Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government  
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[Additional information provided by WLGA as referred to in its letter](#)