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Dear Mike

Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) for Housing, Communities and Local Government

In accordance with the inter-institutional relations agreement, I am providing an update on the meeting of the IMG for Housing, Communities and Local Government that took place on 4 February 2026.

The meeting was hosted by the Northern Ireland Executive's Minister for Communities, Gordon Lyons MLA, and took place virtually. Also in attendance were the Right Honourable Steve Reed MP, the UK Government's Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, and Màiri McAllan MSP, the Scottish Government's Cabinet Secretary for Housing.

The meeting agenda focused on topics relating to the development and delivery of housing strategies, with reference to increasing supply across all tenures and building thriving, sustainable communities and places.

The group discussed best practice approaches in place-based policy for housing, as well as challenges and solutions to increasing housing supply across the UK. The group agreed that increasing housing supply across all tenures was essential to building thriving, sustainable communities. All governments agreed to work together to deliver homes for everybody across the UK, with Ministers noting the benefits of the positive working relationships that already exist between officials and agreeing for this official level collaboration to continue.

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I also took the opportunity to highlight the importance of closing the gap between housing-related benefits and the actual cost of renting, particularly via the Local Housing Allowance.

The meeting closed with confirmation that the governments would work together at official level to agree who would chair the next meeting of the IMG for Housing, Communities and Local Government. A suitable date and agenda items will be identified in due course.

A joint communiqué was published following the meeting and can be found [here](#).

I hope this information helps.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jayne Bryant". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'J' and 'B'.

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Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Lywodraeth Leol a Thai
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