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Dear Colleague

The National Assembly for Wales' Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee is to undertake an inquiry into the provision of affordable housing, across all tenures, in Wales. To assist with its inquiry, the Committee would welcome your views on this subject

The terms of reference for the inquiry are:

- The effectiveness of public subsidy in delivering affordable housing, in particular Social Housing Grant;
- Whether alternatives to public subsidy are being fully exploited;
- Whether the Welsh Government, local authorities and RSLs are effectively utilising their powers to increase both the supply of, and access to, affordable housing;
- Whether there sufficient collaborative working between local authorities, RSLs, financial institutions and homebuilders;
- Whether innovative methods of delivering affordable housing such as Community Land Trusts or co-operatives could be promoted more effectively by the Welsh Government.

Invitation to contribute to the inquiry

The Committee welcomes responses from both individuals and organisations. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide a brief description of the role of your organisation.

The Committee welcomes contributions in English or Welsh and will consider responses to the inquiry and hold oral evidence sessions during the autumn term.

If you wish to submit evidence, please send an electronic copy of your submission to celg.committee@wales.gov.uk

Alternatively, you can write to:

Committee Clerk
Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA.

Submissions should arrive by **Friday 4 November 2011**. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.

For your information, the Committee has invited submissions from those on the attached distribution list. They would be grateful if you could forward a copy of the letter to any individuals or organisations that are not included on this list, but might like to contribute to the review. A copy of this letter has been placed on the National Assembly's website with an open invitation to submit views.

Disclosure of Information

It is normal practice for the National Assembly to publish evidence provided to a Committee. Consequently your response may appear in a report or in supplementary evidence to a report. The National Assembly will not publish information which it considers to be personal data.

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If you are providing any information, other than personal data, which you feel is not suitable for public disclosure, it is up to you to stipulate which parts should not be published and to provide a reasoned argument to support this. The National Assembly will take this into account when publishing information or responding to requests for information.

Yours faithfully



Cadeirydd / Chair

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