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Dear Paul,

### **Housing to 2040/Housing Emergency**

Further to my letter of 31 May 2024, the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee has considered its work programme and confirmed its intention to undertake further work on Housing to 2040 and more specifically on the response to the housing emergency.

In my letter of 31 May I asked for more detail from you on your plans to respond to the housing emergency. It would also be helpful if you could set-out in more detail the justification for declaring a housing emergency.

I would be grateful if you could respond to me on this point as well as the others set out in my previous letter by **12 July 2024**.

For your information, please note that the Committee is also writing to the local authorities who have declared housing emergencies asking them for an indication of their justification for declaring a housing emergency and their response to it.

More generally, the Committee is writing to all local authorities asking them for more information on void or unlettable properties in their areas and what they are doing to get them back into use. The Committee is also seeking more information from local authorities on their strategies in terms of acquiring and buying back properties.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Ariane Burgess  
Convener, Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee