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Dear All,

### **Housing Emergency**

The Scottish Parliament's Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee is currently considering the terms of an inquiry into the housing emergency, building on pre-existing work on the adequacy of the Scottish Government's Housing to 2040 strategy to respond to the housing challenges we face in Scotland.

In order to inform the terms of that inquiry, the Committee is writing to all local authorities seeking further information.

Specifically, it would be helpful if you could provide more information on the void or unlettable properties that exist in your area. While the number of void and unlettable properties is publicly available, it would be helpful if you could provide some more context on these figures and what you are doing to get properties back into use. It would also be helpful if you could share any information in terms strategies for acquiring and buying back properties.

I would be grateful for a response by **26 July 2024**.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ariane Burgess". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ariane Burgess  
Convener, Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee