

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

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Dear Mr Brown,

Follow up to session on homelessness and temporary accommodation

Firstly, many thanks again for joining us on 1 February for the session the Committee held on homelessness and temporary accommodation.

Following the meeting, the Clerks let me know they have been corresponding with you on some written follow up from The City of Edinburgh Council.

As the Clerks already indicated, the Committee is interested in more detail on the Council's perceptions of the rapid rehousing transition plan, as well as some information on the challenges the local authority faces regarding housing, homelessness and temporary accommodation.

As 1 February was some time ago now, I have put a link to the Official Report of that meeting below, with the relevant column numbers indicating where it was suggested more information could be sent to the Committee:

- challenges the local authority faces regarding homelessness and temporary accommodation. (Official Report, 1 February 2024, (Cols 5-6).
- a note on the Council's perceptions of the rapid rehousing transition plan. (Official Report, 1 February 2024, (Col 21).

Additionally, following more recent Committee discussion, the Committee is also interested in how these challenges specifically relate to refugees and asylum seekers.

Given the upcoming scrutiny of the Housing (Scotland) Bill that is due to take place, the Committee is interested in a response regarding these issues as soon as is practicable, but by Friday 17 May at the latest.

If you have any questions, the Clerks would be very happy to answer these and can be contacted at: SJSS.committee@parliament.scot.

Yours sincerely,

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