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Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee
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Dear Mike,

Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Outcome of the Inter-ministerial Group (IMG) for Housing, Communities and Local Government

In accordance with the inter-institutional relations agreement, the fourth meeting of the Interministerial Group (IMG) for Housing, Communities and Local Government was held on 04 June 2025. I attended on behalf of the Welsh Government along with my colleague the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning (CSEEP) as the agenda items covered parts of both our portfolios.

Angela Rayner MP, Deputy Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government attended for UK Government and chaired the meeting. A joint meeting communique was published following the meeting and contains full details of other attendees. The communique was agreed by Ministers and can be found [here](#).

The Chair opened proceedings by welcoming attendees to the fourth meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group, noting it was the first meeting to be in person, and the first since the change of government at UK level following the 2024 general election.

We discussed the UK Government's response to the Grenfell Inquiry Phase 2 report including plans for a single regulator and a Chief Construction Advisor. I gave an update on our response to the Phase 2 report and progress on remediation. CSEEP then introduced a discussion on workforce issues relating to capacity, competency and resilience of key professions in the building control and fire safety sectors.

We also discussed construction product reform and regulation, and CSEEP recognised the need for collaboration on proposed reforms to ensure effective and consistent implementation across the sector. Ways of working between the UK Government and the

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Devolved Governments was also discussed. The CSEEP and I recognised the benefits of sharing best practice, particularly in relation to raising industry competence.

We acknowledged the positive working relationship between officials across the areas of building safety and agreed for this official level engagement to continue.

It was agreed that the Northern Ireland Executive would lead on preparations for the next meeting of the IMG and officials would now work together to identify a suitable date and agenda items.

I have copied this letter to the Chair of the Local Government and Housing Committee and the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning, Rebecca Evans MS.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jayne Bryant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jayne Bryant AS/MS

Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Lywodraeth Leol a Thai
Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government