

18 July 2025

**Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Bill**

Dear Cllr Lewis,

Thank you for your letter of 15 July, which we discussed at our meeting yesterday. Members considered your request for local authority elected members to present oral evidence on the Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Bill, however I'm afraid we are unable to facilitate this due to time constraints.

We have a tight timetable for undertaking our scrutiny of the Bill in order to meet the reporting deadline set by the Business Committee. As such, our final oral evidence session with the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government has been confirmed for our next meeting on 18 September. This session cannot be deferred due to the time constraints mentioned and other legislative commitments.

Members noted that you are supportive of the views expressed by the local authority representatives on 26 June but we appreciate the implications of the Bill on local authorities and, as such, we would be happy to receive written information from you. The Committee's public consultation closed on 20 June, however we will be able to accept a written response from you. Should you wish to submit written evidence, we would be grateful if this be sent to the Committee Clerk by Friday 1 August.

Yours sincerely



John Griffiths MS

Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.