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Dear Paul and Patrick,

Housing to 2040

The Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee has agreed to undertake a short inquiry into Housing to 2040.

Specifically, the Committee will consider how the Scottish Government's housing policies are aligning with the ambitions of Housing to 2040. Moreover, it will consider whether the ambitions of Housing to 2040 continue to reflect the best way to meet all of Scotland's complex housing needs.

The Committee would welcome an update from you on the Scottish Government's progress toward meeting the ambitions and how the Strategic Board is working together to progress that in a cross-sectoral and holistic way.

The Committee has agreed to focus its scrutiny around a set of key questions and would welcome your thoughts on how Housing to 2040 is responding to these questions:

- Are we building enough homes or bringing enough homes back into use to meet Scotland's current and future housing needs?
- Are we building homes with a focus on placemaking?
- Are we creating and sustaining a mix of housing that is financially and physically accessible to all?
- Are we building homes and retrofitting existing homes to provide for affordable warmth and zero emissions?
- Are we ensuring that new and existing homes are safe and of a high quality?

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

Please note that the Committee also intends to take evidence from the Strategic Board and key stakeholders on this issue at its meetings on 20 and 27 February.

We would hope to hear from both of you too once the Committee has had an opportunity to reflect on what has come out of the sessions on 20 and 27 February.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Ariane Burgess
Convener, Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee