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Councillor Lynda Thorne
Cabinet Member Housing & Communities
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Dear Lynda,

**COMMUNITY & ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 3 APRIL 2019 –
COUNCIL HOUSE BUILDING STRATEGY**

As Chair of the Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee, I wish to thank you and officers for attending Committee and providing Members with an update on the Council House Building Strategy prior to it receiving pre-decision scrutiny on 1 May 2019. Members of the Committee have requested that I feedback the following comments and observations to you:

Overall Members shared your enthusiasm for the strategy and its vision. Members also wished to join you in expressing their gratitude for the hard work undertaken by officers under the workforce pressures detailed within the meeting. Members were pleased that energy efficiency is a remit included in the strategy and eagerly anticipate the report to be developed which will look at costs and standards and provide new work related performance indicators.

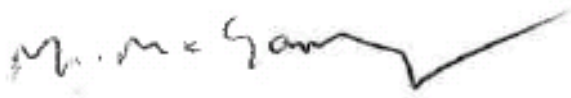
Members felt assured that all developments will be sustainable and of high-quality. They also appreciated that the balance between financial viability, high-quality design, good place-making and high energy efficiency standards will continue to be addressed. Members would welcome the opportunity to undertake the site visit as offered within the meeting.

Members raised concerns in terms of the affordability of the strategy with particular reference to the proposed rent cap by the Welsh Government and would appreciate feedback on this issue as soon as it becomes available.

Members queried how public acceptance, within the communities, of proposed developments would be addressed and felt reassured that early, clear communication along with flexibility of thinking will continue to be upheld.

Thank you again to you and officers for attending. I do not require a response to this letter, but have tasked CASSC's Scrutiny Officer to work with officers in securing a date for the site visit and to monitor the Welsh Government proposal of a rent cap.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary McGarry', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARY M^CGARRY

Chairperson - Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee

Cc: Sarah McGill, Corporate Director
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