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Dear Mike,

I am writing in accordance with the inter-institutional relations agreement to let you know that the British-Irish Council (BIC) Joint Housing and Spatial Planning Work Sectors Ministerial Meeting will be held tomorrow Thursday 25 February. Member Administrations have agreed to hold a virtual meeting which will be hosted by the Northern Ireland Executive. As the Minister with responsibility for housing and planning, I will be representing the Welsh Government.

The meeting is an opportunity for Member Administrations of the BIC to discuss the implications of the changing demography of administrations and the potential impact this will have for the spatial planning and housing sectors. It will also allow discussion on how we can work to resolve these issues as a collective.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for Ministers to reflect on the joint work of the Housing and Collaborative Spatial Planning work sectors, while also agreeing Forward Work Plans for both work sectors.

A communiqué will be agreed by the council at the meeting and I will update the Committee about its publication and the outcome of the meeting, in due course.

I have written in similar terms to the chairs of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Mick Antoniw MS and the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee, John Griffiths MS.

Yours sincerely,

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