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Dear Beca,

Thank you for your letter of 18 December regarding social housing exchange in Wales and the proposal that Gwynedd Council is considering regarding their social housing allocation policy.

It would not be appropriate for me to comment on the proposal itself, as it is a matter for the local authority. Under the Housing Act 1996 the responsibility for housing allocation rests with local authorities, who are required to have an allocations scheme to determine priorities for allocating housing. Local authorities are best placed to understand and respond to the housing need of their local communities, and to prioritise those who are most in need.

When determining their specific scheme, all local authorities in Wales must have regard to the Welsh Government's Code of Guidance for Local Authorities: Allocation of Accommodation and Homelessness. Chapter 3 of the *Code* provides guidance on the requirements of housing authorities to have an allocation scheme for determining priorities, and for defining the procedures to be followed in allocating housing accommodation.

I hope the information above is useful to inform your update at the next council meeting.

Yours sincerely

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