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Dear Tom,

Community Wealth Building

The Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee are undertaking pre-legislative scrutiny of Community Wealth Building in anticipation of the forthcoming Scottish Government Bill this Parliamentary session.

Members recently visited North Ayrshire to see examples of a CWB approach within communities being supported by the local authority, and next month we will be holding a round-table Committee meeting to hear from key experts and stakeholders.

In advance of that session I would be grateful if you could provide an update on what progress has been made by the Scottish Government in developing its plans for a Community Wealth Building Bill.

I understand that the Government's public consultation last year on a Bill received a positive response, and that there is particular support for the proposal for Community Planning Partnerships to play a key role in CWB. As you know, the Committee has taken a keen interest in Community Empowerment, most recently with an inquiry into Part 2 of the Community Empowerment Act which covers community planning.

More broadly, it would be helpful if you could provide an indication of the key aspects of CWB which the Scottish Government believes would benefit from legislation, the likely timescale for a Bill, and any other developments in the wider adoption of CWB across Scotland.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener, Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

