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Dear *Leanne*

We have for sometime been working towards introducing the draft Affordable Housing Legislative Competence Order during the first week of the New Year and I am pleased to inform you that we have now received notification that the Westminster Government supports its introduction. The Cabinet Committee on Legislation has agreed the draft Order and its accompanying Explanatory Memorandum and has given instructions for the draft Order to be laid before the Assembly and for a motion to be tabled proposing that the draft Order be approved.

The Welsh Assembly Government is keen to publish the draft LCO at the earliest opportunity. Standing Orders state that a draft Order may be introduced by being laid on a working day in a sitting week. It is therefore the Government's intention to lay the draft Order on Monday morning 12 January and to table a motion seeking the Assembly's approval of the draft Order on Tuesday 13 January for consideration in Plenary on Tuesday 20 January.

I am aware that on laying the draft LCO The Proposed Affordable Housing LCO Committee will cease to exist. Therefore, today I am issuing a written statement of my intentions and with this letter I enclose a copy of the draft Order for your Committee's information ahead of the formal laying procedure on Monday. I also intend to make available to the public, via a press release, a summary of the draft order's contents.

A copy of this letter goes to Party Spokespeople for Housing and to members of the Business Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Jocelyn Davies AM