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Covid-19 – Impact on human rights and people with protected characteristics

Dear Simon and Catherine,

Thank you for your letter of 8 April requesting that the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee undertakes an inquiry into the impact of the Welsh Government's response to the Covid-19 pandemic on human rights and people with protected characteristics.

You will be aware that, in light of the pandemic, Assembly committees suspended all non-time-critical business for the time being. However, as committee work begins to resume, we met as the ELGC Committee informally last week to discuss how we should pursue the impact on issues within our remit, including the matters raised in your letter. We have agreed to undertake an inquiry into the impact of Covid-19 across all aspects of our remit, including local government, housing, equalities, tackling poverty and human rights. A consultation will be issued shortly, inviting views on the impact of the pandemic and the response to it. Full details will be available online and in the consultation letter, which will be issued shortly. I will ensure that you are informed when the consultation is launched.

Yours sincerely



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