To: Elin Jones MS, Cabinet Minister for Finance
Cc: Sian Gwenllian MS, Cabinet Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning

3 November 2026

Dear Cabinet Minister,

Autumn Statement: Rough sleeping funding consequential

We are writing to you following the UK Government's Autumn Statement, to ask for the funding consequential from the Prime Minister's £432 million rough sleeping announcement to be allocated to the Homelessness Support and Prevention budget in the Welsh Government's budget for 2027/28.

We know that Plaid Cymru, in opposition and in government, have consistently highlighted the importance of everyone in Wales having a safe place to call home. Building social homes is critical to this, but providing support to help people to overcome trauma, homelessness and abuse is also key to preventing and alleviating homelessness.

This week, we published our Home Matters report, which outlines the significant pressures facing homelessness and housing support providers, including higher costs, funding constraints, a huge growth in demand, and an increase in the complexity of people's support needs. The research behind this report suggests that a 16% funding increase is needed to enable these vital services to maintain delivery and cover all costs.

With the UK Government announcing an increase in the National Minimum Wage last week, and in anticipation of a rise in the Real Living Wage, a funding uplift for homelessness and housing support services is required to avoid service reductions and closure. It is estimated that a cash-flat budget would result in an 8.1% reduction in the homelessness and housing support workforce, which equates to up to 324 frontline worker job losses.

The Housing Support Grant and Homelessness Prevention Grant are preventative to their core, as recognised in your Programme for Government. Research by Cardiff Metropolitan University estimated that every £1 invested in these services delivers a net saving of £1.40 by reducing pressure on health, social care and criminal justice services.

We would be very grateful if you could consider this evidence when making your decisions about the Welsh Government budget for 2027/28.

Yours sincerely,

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The Home Matters report is available in English and in Welsh.