

Councillor Margaret Wilkinson
Scrutiny Chairman
Homes & Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee
26 Aberaeron Close
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Dear Cllr Wilkinson,

RESIGNATION FROM HOMES & SAFE COMMUNITIES SCUTINY COMMITTEE

It is with regret that I must resign the Shelter Cymru representative place at the Homes & Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee.

In the past, the committee provided us with a very valuable opportunity to input our experiences, which I hope was of value to the committee's considerations. Of late however, with significant reduction in Legal Aid funding, our staffing in our Vale of Glamorgan housing advice service has reduced to a 21 hr a week part-time post and the demand for the service, in line with our services across Wales, has reached unprecedented levels over the last 18 months or so.

We think it is important that any contribution to the committee from Shelter Cymru comes from our frontline workers who have local first-hand experience of the issues raised with them by local people. Unfortunately, at this time, we do not have the capacity to play an active role in the committee. If the committee has specific requests however for information from us at any point, we will do our best to compile this if it is contained within the records we keep or our anecdotal experiences.

Yours sincerely,



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