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Dear Councillor Jones

CABINET MEMBER QUESTION SESSION - 13TH FEBRUARY

Thank you for your letter dated 9th march 2017 and in particular your request for responses to the questions below:

To provide further information on costs relating to the more homes pilot Projects

As indicated at the committee, works are ongoing on the first pilot properties with expected completion being between May and September. As such costs for the first completed properties will be available shortly after completion i.e. June 2017. I would be happy to share these with the committee in line with the report being presented to cabinet around that time

To ensure that the option of establishing an arms-length development company is considered in any further council house building.

In relation to 'the option of establishing an arms-length development company', this was referred to in the 'More Council Homes' strategy which was approved by Council at its

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meeting in November 2016. In it, mention was made of the Council taking on the developer role in the future which could be facilitated by an arm's length arrangement. The Council also approved a specific recommendation of the strategy to further investigate this possibility and the action plan established an anticipated completion of this task by the end of 2017.

I trust these responses are sufficient

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Yours sincerely

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