



**Committee and Date**

Housing Supervisory Board

30 November 2023

**HOUSING SUPERVISORY BOARD**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2023**

**In the Wilfred Owen Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND**

**2.00 - 3.07 pm**

**Responsible Officer:** Shelley Davies

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**Present**

Councillor Vince Hunt (Chairman)

Councillors Garry Burchett (Vice Chairman), Jeff Anderson, Julian Dean, Ruth Houghton, Simon Jones, Tony Parsons, Dan Thomas and Bernie Bentick (substitute for Heather Kidd)

**13 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Heather Kidd (Substitute: Bernie Bentick).

**14 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None were declared.

**15 Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**16 Public Question Time**

There were no public questions.

**17 Member Question Time**

There were no member questions.

**18 Cornovii Developments Limited - Update Report**

Members received the report of the Assistant Director Homes and Communities which gave an update from Cornovii Developments Limited (CDL) on the company's progress against the approved 10-year Business Plan.

The Clienting & Commissioning Officer introduced the report and referred to Appendix A which provided detail of the company's activity to the end of June 2023 and sought approval for the appointment of a new director to the CDL Board.

The Managing Director of CDL gave an update on the Ellesmere Wharf, Ifton Heath, Oaklands and London Road schemes noting that the Oaklands properties were due to be handed over in April 2024 and work had started on site at the London Road development.

In response to questions the Managing Director of CDL, confirmed that:

- The Ellesmere Wharf development was due for completion by May/June 2024.
- CDL had been advised that 2 and 3 bedroom were the appropriate size of properties required in regard to affordable housing.
- The situation in relation to the housing market and building costs was still a concern.
- The Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) for the London Road development had changed from A to B due to a change in the Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP) which now also considered running costs.

In response to a question suggesting that the CDL update report should be an independent view of the company rather than a summary of the report to the CDL Board, the Clienting & Commissioning Officer noted that this had been raised previously and officers would look to address this.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the appointment of Ian Churms to the CDL board be approved.

**19 Housing Supervisory Board Update Report to Cabinet**

Members received the report of the Assistant Director Homes and Communities. The Clienting and Commissioning Officer noted that the report title should read: Update Report to Council - not Cabinet.

The Clienting and Commissioning Officer introduced the report and explained that the report set out the areas and themes to be covered in the report and sought approval for the work to develop and finalise the report to be delegated to the Assistant Director of Homes and Communities in consultation with the Chairman.

Members suggested the following points should also be included in the report:

- The impact of the income from CDL on the budget for the next 2 – 3 years.
- Information to show that CDL was meeting its aspirations such as delivering homes to key workers.
- The higher percentage of bungalows built by CDL should be highlighted.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. That the proposed outline content for the Housing Supervisory Board Report to Council be approved.
- 2. That the work to develop and finalise the report be delegated to the Assistant Director of Homes and Communities in consultation with the Chairman.

**20 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

**RESOLVED:** That in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and paragraph 10.4(3) of the Council’s Access to Information Procedure Rules, the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following items.

**21 Exempt Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** That the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**22 Cornovii Developments Limited - Exempt Items Update Report**

Members received an exempt report from the Assistant Director Homes and Communities.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

**23 Proposals for Cornovii Developments Limited Subsidiary**

Members received a verbal update from the Managing Director of Cornovii Developments Limited.

**RESOLVED:** That the update be noted.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_