



Committee and Date

Housing Supervisory Board

22 April 2021

HOUSING SUPERVISORY BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2021

2.00 - 3.49 pm

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Present

Councillor Mark Jones (Chairman)

Councillors Rob Gittins, Vince Hunt, Simon Jones (Vice-Chairman), Heather Kidd, Cecilia Motley, Tony Parsons and Keith Roberts

58 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Pauline Dee.

59 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None were declared.

60 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 5th November 2020

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2020 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

61 Public Question Time

There were no public questions.

62 Member Question Time

There were no Member questions.

63 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 since the last meeting of the Board.

The Assistant Director Homes and Communities introduced the report and advised Members of the recent recruitment of two new posts, a Sales and Aftercare Manager and Development Officer and noted that in addition to these posts CDL was also working with the Finance Team to recruit a Senior Commercial Accountant.

Members noted that CDL had recently launched its new brand identity, logo and corporate values and had established a digital presence with social media pages supported by a new website due to go live mid-February.

The Assistant Director Homes and Communities referred to the update provided in relation to the sites at Crowmoor, Ellesmere Wharf, Ifton Heath and Tilstock Road, Whitchurch and noted the following points in relation to each site:

Crowmoor

Morris Property have been appointed as the main contractor and demolition of Crowmoor House commenced in January 2021. There have already been over 40 expressions of interest registered by potential home buyers.

Ifton Heath

A revised scheme had been submitted to Shropshire Council Planning Services in early December 2020 with a decision anticipated in late Spring 2021.

Ellesmere Wharf

The application was approved at the Northern Planning Committee held on 9th February 2021.

Tilstock Road, Whitchurch

CDL continue to meet regularly with Brenig Construction to resolve the Section 106 legal agreement and have appointed APD Architects to draw a new masterplan. An updated feasibility study would follow and it was noted that CDL were working with partners to engage with Welsh Water to resolve the rising main connection issue.

In response to a Member's question regarding whether there had been any further analysis of housing demand in Shropshire, the Assistant Director Homes and Communities explained that CDL was paying close attention to the current housing demand. The Managing Director of CDL, added that the housing market was in a state of flux at present due to Covid-19. He stated that he could not provide any further information at present but the trend for working from home and moving out of urban areas had been accelerated by Covid-19.

RESOLVED:

That the report of the Assistant Director Homes and Communities be noted.

64 Exclusion of 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.

65 Cornovii Developments Limited - Share Capital Update Report

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

RESOLVED:

That the Housing Supervisory Board note the resolutions of the Board of Directors of Cornovii Developments Limited (attached in Appendix A) and the two recommendations detailed in the report be approved.

66 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.

67 Cornovii Developments Limited - Business Plan Presentation

Members received an exempt presentation from the Managing Director of CDL in relation to the Cornovii Business Plan.

RESOLVED:

That the three recommendations detailed in the presentation be approved.

68 Shropshire Council Governance Review of Cornovii Developments Limited - Presentation

Members received a presentation on the Shropshire Council Governance Review of Cornovii Developments Limited.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted.

Signed (Chairman)

Date: