

## **Housing Supervisory Board**

**5<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

### **Public Questions**

John Palmer

Does the cross-party Board, with many new members, unanimously agree with and ideologically support Cornovii Developments Limited's declared role in supporting Shropshire Council reaching its net zero targets?

Response from the Chairman, Cllr Rosemary Dartnall

Thank you for your question Mr Palmer. You will appreciate that this is the first meeting of this committee following the May elections. I am responding to you in my capacity as the newly elected Chair of the Housing Supervisory Board rather than on behalf of individual board members. Individual members may comment separately but, such a dialogue is not provided for in this setting.

The Housing Supervisory Board (HSB) is a politically balanced, cross-party body established to exercise shareholder oversight of Cornovii Developments Limited (CDL), Shropshire Council's wholly owned housing company. HSB plays a critical governance role in reviewing and approving CDL's business plans, financial performance, and alignment with Council priorities—including environmental objectives.

I am familiar with CDL's business plans and quarterly monitoring reports which consistently demonstrate a commitment to supporting the Council's environmental ambitions. CDL has delivered new housing, often at a higher specification than Building Regulations current at the time of construction. Shropshire Council's environmental policy was agreed by Council in 2019 and reinforced in 2021. These policies remain in force, irrespective of the recent elections and the subsequent change in the political make-up of the Council and of the HSB.