

## **People Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025**

### **Public Questions**

John Palmer (Attending)

Why, under Conservative leadership 2009 until 1 May 2025, was Shropshire Council one of very few councils who did not charge for telecare? Financial incompetence?

Response from the Chairman, Cllr Andy Davis

Thank you for your question. As this is the first meeting of the newly constituted People Overview and Scrutiny Committee, I'd like to begin by reaffirming my commitment to conducting our work in a constructive, inclusive, apolitical manner. Our aim is to focus on learning from the past, understanding the present, and shaping the future in the best interests of the people of Shropshire.

The question you've raised relates to the Council's historical approach to telecare services under the previous administration. It is true that, during that time, Shropshire Council was among a small number of local authorities that chose not to charge for telecare but I would also like to note that this very topic is the subject of today's call-in, and we will be reviewing it in more detail during the course of this meeting.

I welcome open dialogue on this matter, and I look forward to working collaboratively with all members of the Committee and the wider community as we explore the implications and outcomes of such decisions.