



**Open meeting with the CHC Board
on Monday 13th February 2017
at the MRC, Llandrindod Wells**

The CHC Board held the first of two open board meetings on 13th February 2017. The purpose of the open board meeting was to:

- *An opportunity for the board to discuss the work of CHC with the wider membership;*
- *to test whether the infrastructure put in place by CHC (and set out in section 1 of this paper) is an effective route to ensure representation and member engagement; and*
- *discuss sector issues of strategic importance with the wider membership.*

The meeting was attended by representatives of 5 housing associations alongside members of the CHC board and the Executive.

Key issues raised within the meeting included:

CHC governance: *An update was provided on the work to establish reformed governance arrangements for CHC. An update can be found [here](#). Attendees discussed the role of the CHC Board in holding CHC to account and ensuring that it is open and reflective of the diversity of members' needs and priorities in its activities. The Board was clear that they saw this as a key part of their role as a business board, rather than the development of policy positions.*

Rural housing: *Attendees discussed the importance of reflecting the full diversity of the geographies in which CHC members operate in the work of CHC. A number of attendees highlighted that a stronger focus should be given to rural issues and the challenges experienced in delivering and building homes in rural communities within the broad range of policy issues that CHC work on.*

Public Accounts Committee: *Attendees discussed the remit and progress of the Public Accounts Committee to date and reputational and sector risks arising from the inquiry. CHC's written evidence to the inquiry can be found [here](#).*

Regulatory framework: *Attendees discussed the implementation of the new regulatory framework and the importance of maintaining and embedding a welsh solution. Further information on the regulatory changes can be found [here](#).*

The board will continue to hold open board meetings and we would welcome your thoughts on how best the board can receive feedback from housing associations about the work of CHC and other key issues.