**HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL**

**PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

**HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, HEREFORD**

**on Thursday 10th October 2019**

**Present:** Cllrs Cat Hornsey, Paul Stevens, Bernard Hunt, Ange Tyler, Polly Andrews, Clive Butler, Dan Powell, Rob Williams, Jeremy Milln, Sue Boulter

**OFFICERS ATTENDING:** Connor Powell, Administration and Information Officer; Steve Kerry, Town Clerk

**P046 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

None at this time.

**P047 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES:**

None at this time.

**P048 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Clive Butler declared an interest in Application 192885

Dan Powell declared an interest in Application 191712

**P049 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE:**

The minutes of the meeting of 12th September 2019 were agreed as an accurate record.

**P050 DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**It was Resolved that the participation of those City Councillors who are also members of the County of Herefordshire District Council in both the debate and any subsequent vote on matters contained in this agenda is on the basis that the views expressed are preliminary views taking account of the information currently available to the City Council and that District Councillors reserve their final views on all applications until they are in full possession of all relevant information both for and against.**

**P051 POLICY ISSUES**

51.1 **Frequency of Meetings**

Councillors resolved to move future meetings back to a starting time of 6pm.

51.2 **Agent of Change: nightlife and residency in the City Centre**

Cllr Stevens raised the issue of the conflict between residential properties and late-night venues situated in the City Centre. Using Liverpool as an example, Cllr Stevens explained the growing problems arising from an increase in converting commercial properties into accommodation (particularly for students), clashing with inner city nightlife. Most of the concerns were around noise and the living conditions that those living in the City Centre have to endure, with some venues not having appropriate sound-reduction materials installed on the property.

Councillors agreed with Cllr Stevens’ view and proposed that the City Council put together a plan to lobby Herefordshire Council to enforce proper and complete sound-reduction materials to be mandatory on all nightlife venues which have residential properties within close proximity. The Town Clerk also proposed that this policy could be adopted into the Business plan.

51.3 **Business Plan**

The Town Clerk informed members that there are new Government proposals to stop the installation of all fossil-fuel based heating in new properties by 2025. There are also potential proposals which would allow flats to build extensions two stories higher, and semi-detached properties to extend as much as desired, without limitation. Councillors were concerned about this and supported the Town Clerk’s proposal that he visit a conference in Birmingham to gain a more solid understanding of these incoming planning policies.

**P052 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

It was resolved.

**P053 CORRESPONDENCE**

 None at this time.

**P054 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 7th November 2019 at 6pm.

There being no other business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.35pm

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Date ……………………………………………………………………....