**HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL**

**PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

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

**HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, HEREFORD**

**on Thursday 7th April 2022**

**Present:** Cllrs Ange Tyler, Rob Williams, Dan Powell, Rob Owens, Elizabeth Foxton, Jeremy Milln, Polly Andrews, Sue Boulter.

**OFFICERS ATTENDING:** Connor Powell; Information Officer and Planning Committee Clerk

**P001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

None at this time.

**P002 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES:**

None at this time.

**P003 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE:**

Councillors agreed that the Minutes of 11th March were an accurate record.

**P004 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.**

**P005 POLICY ISSUES**

**7.1 Environmental Building Standards Supplementary Planning Document**

The Committee resolved to support the document. Thought some Councillors were concerned that in the short term the resulting standards may increase house prices, it was understood that in the long term this would future-proof new developments and bring house prices down. In general, Councillors were highly supportive and enthusiastic about the document, praising the level of detail and comprehensiveness. It was noted that it would be worthwhile for housing developers to have a shortened list of required environmental attributes. Councillors approved of the ‘invest to save’ initiative and were impressed by the consideration of Herefordshire’s rural nature, though it was also noted that it is hoped that these environmental standards will still enable the construction of affordable homes.

**P006 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

It was resolved. For further information on the outcome of Planning Application Decisions, please see the ‘Draft Responses’ item corresponding to this meeting.

**P007 CORRESPONDENCE**

None at this time.

**P008 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 5th May 2022 at 6pm.

There being no other business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.20pm

Signed …………………………………………………………………… Date …………………………………………………………....