
REPORT TO:	Community Services	AGENDA ITEM: 11
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SUBJECT:	Swadlincote Woodlands SRB2 Scheme Final Report	REF: mr/mf/srb/ctteerep /srb final report
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Swadlincote, Newhall, Gresley, Woodville, Midway	TERMS OF REFERENCE: CS04

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 Members are asked to approve the contents of the report before it is presented to the SRB Board and sent to the east midlands development agency (emda).

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To report on the final outcomes of the Swadlincote Woodlands SRB2 scheme after its completion in terms of project delivery at March 31st 2002.

3.0 Detail

3.1 In 1993 representatives from the public, private and voluntary sectors around Swadlincote came together to form the Made in Swadlincote Partnership. Their objective was to create new investment and employment opportunities and promote Swadlincote as the town of opportunity in the National Forest where people would want to live, work and visit.

3.2 In 1996 the Partnership made a successful bid for £3.4m from the SRB Challenge Fund. The SRB grant was used to fund a number of projects drawn up in consultation with the local community in order to be responsive to local priorities such as business support, improving skills, improving housing and the environment, community safety and encouraging visitors to the area. The projects were brought together under the name of the Swadlincote Woodlands Regeneration Scheme.

3.3 The scheme lasted for 6 years and was completed in March 2002 in terms of grant giving and project delivery.

3.4 During the life of the scheme the Council acted as the Accountable Body for the Partnership taking responsibility for the day to day management and administration of the scheme on behalf of the SRB Board. One of the requirements for the Partnership and in the first instance the Accountable Body, as part of the end of scheme arrangements detailed in the SRB Challenge Fund Guidance Manual, is to produce a final report.