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## **1.0 Recommendations**

1.1 It is recommended that the Council resolve to:

- (i) note the content of the Cycling Strategy Monitoring Report;
- (ii) continue to work in partnership with the County Council and other interested parties to implement the Cycling Strategy and
- (iii) review the Cycling Strategy taking account of the forthcoming review of the Derby Joint and Derbyshire Local Transport Plans.

## **2.0 Purpose of Report**

2.1 To advise members on progress in implementing the South Derbyshire Cycling Strategy and to seek approval for the continuation of this work by the Council in partnership with other interested parties and for the review of the Strategy to take account of the changing policy context.

## **3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 Members will recall that the South Derbyshire Cycling Strategy was adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance by the then Planning and Economic Development Committee at its meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2001 (minute no. PED/56 refers).
- 3.2 The report attached at Annexe A sets out progress to date in working toward the targets identified in the Strategy through the measurement of a variety of indicators as set out under Policy 17: Cycle Monitoring.

## **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 The Strategy seeks to maximise the use of external funding and resources wherever possible and accordingly the great majority of funding for work undertaken to date has been provided by other agencies.
- 4.2 South Derbyshire District Council contributed £10,000 toward the cost of developing part of National Cycle Route 63 in 2002/03 and it is likely that further contributions

toward the development of specific off-road infrastructure proposals will be sought in future years in the form of revenue growth items.

- 4.3 Continued staff involvement in the implementation of the strategy can be met within existing resources.

## **5.0 Corporate Implications**

5.1 The Strategy assists in achieving the following key aims of the Council:

- “to safeguard and enhance a sustainable environment”
- “to improve access to leisure and cultural activities for all sections of the community”
- “to support the development of the National Forest and its enjoyment by residents and visitors”

5.2 Continued regular liaison with local cycling interests in implementing the strategy assists the key aim to:

- “listen to and provide leadership to the people of South Derbyshire in local, regional and national arenas”

5.3 Implementation of the Strategy has and will continue to involve joint working between staff representing the Council’s planning, economic development, community and leisure development and legal functions in partnership with outside agencies.

## **6.0 Community Implications**

6.1 Cycling is an environmentally sustainable, healthy and affordable activity. It can provide an alternative to motorised forms of transport and represents a leisure pursuit in its own right. It also forms an important part of South Derbyshire’s tourism offer.

6.2 Implementation of the Strategy has been undertaken in close consultation with cycling interests including local representatives of the Cyclists Touring Club and the Derby Cycling Group. The Council is also represented at regular meetings of the Derbyshire Cycling Liaison Group, organised by the County Council to provide a forum for the exchange of views and ideas between cyclists and local authority representatives.

## **7.0 Conclusions**

7.1 These are as set out in para.s 17–21 of the monitoring report attached at Annexe A..

## **8.0 Background Papers**

“South Derbyshire Cycling Strategy”

South Derbyshire District Council  
March 2001