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1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That Members comments are forwarded along with Planning Policy comments as part of the Councils response to the Derbyshire Cycling Plan consultation exercise.
- 1.2 Members approve the development of a South Derbyshire Action Plan for Cycling which will be reported to Committee for future consideration.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To obtain Members comments on the Derbyshire Cycling Action Plan and outline the South Derbyshire approach to developing a local action plan. The consultation document may be viewed at <http://www.derbyshiresport.co.uk/derbyshirecyclingplan>.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 Over the past 12 months the County and City Councils, Derbyshire District and Borough Councils, Derby University, Sustrans, Peak District National Park, The National Forest and British Cycling have been working on the production of a Cycling Plan. This Plan is now at a draft stage, attached as Annexe No.1 and is now being consulted upon. All stakeholders are being encouraged to submit comments at this stage.

- 3.2 The aim of the Plan is as follows:

“By 2025, Derbyshire will be the most connected and integrated county for cycling in England, recognised as a premier cycling destination for visitors. More Derbyshire people of all ages and abilities will be cycling regularly for leisure, active travel and sport.”

- 3.3 A whole-system approach to delivering this plan is required, working at every level; from the strategic level down to the community level up. To make a significant difference to cycling behaviour, work needs to be done across all sectors, including transport, economic development, tourism, housing, planning, sport, recreation, education and health.

- 3.4 There needs to be provision of high quality cycling facilities which are based on innovative, attractive and sustainable transport links and a behaviour change approach to increase cycling across all areas of the City and County.
- 3.5 This Plan is important for Derbyshire as it will help increase cycling which will help to:
- Improve health
 - Develop tourism
 - Improve the environment
 - Reduce congestion
 - Improve air quality
 - Reduce social exclusion
 - Increase participation in sport and physical activity
 - Sustainable transport use
 - Increase awareness and care for the natural environment
- 3.6 The proposed strategic aims for establishing a ‘connected’ cycling county are:
- 1) Infrastructure Connectivity: High quality connected routes, in all cycling environments, supporting all forms of cycling.
 - 2) Participation: Targeted participation programmes and behaviour change work, at community level to support and enable more people to cycle, closing the gaps in participation.
 - 3) Communication: High quality, connected marketing and communication of cycling information and opportunities for Derbyshire residents and visitors to the county.
 - 4) Advocacy: Cross sector advocacy for policy change and implementation at the highest level.
- 3.7 The success of these strategic aims will be measured through measuring the number of people cycling, the gender of those cycling and also the number of children cycling to school.
- 3.8 The Plan will be adopted by all key partners in the county, through individual authorities’ corporate plans, local spatial plans, and Local Transport Plan's. It will complement and help to shape key strategies and policies now, and in the future.
- 3.9 In terms of South Derbyshire a Stakeholder event is to be held on 7 September to which anyone interested in cycling will be invited. Attendees will be given the opportunity to comment on the Derbyshire Plan but also put forward ideas and observations on how cycling can be developed in the District. These ideas will then be used to formulate a local action plan which will form part of the emerging South Derbyshire Local Plan, Sport, Recreation and Open Space Facility Development Strategy and the Sport and Health Strategy.
- 3.10 With respect to Officer comments on the Plan from a Planning Policy point of view “Policies BNE1 ‘Design Excellence’ and INF2 ‘Sustainable Transport’ contained in the Council’s emerging Local Plan Part 1, together with the proposed Design Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and the Greenways Strategy for South Derbyshire SPD, currently under review, will support the aspirations of the Cycling Plan to encourage and hopefully increase the number of people cycling. This will be achieved by continuing to require that appropriate provision be made to accommodate cyclists within new development (through the provision of cycle paths, cycle parking etc.); by seeking developer contributions toward off-site infrastructure and by requiring that applications for development with significant transport implications be accompanied by Travel Plans setting out soft measures (such as contributions toward the cost of

bicycle purchase, the distribution of cycling maps etc.), to encourage access by cycle for site users.

- 3.11 In addition, the Greenways Strategy SPD will assist in the allocation of public funding, such as Local Transport Plan, National Forest and other monies, toward the expansion and enhancement of cycle routes.”

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications for the District Council resulting from this report.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 The proposed Plan and the potential work arising from its adoption fits within the ‘Promoting Healthy Facilities and Lifestyles’ objective and the ‘promotion of cultural events’ in the ‘Lifestyle Choice’ priority. The project would also contribute to supporting the ‘Safer Neighbourhoods’ objective of the ‘Safe and Secure’ priority in that it would provide significant opportunities for youth engagement

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 The Plan gives the community of South Derbyshire an ideal opportunity to become more physically active and to benefit from external investment. This Plan will continue the work of the District in providing sustainable and healthy communities.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 Cycling is gradually transforming the lives of many people and the Derbyshire Cycle Plan could ensure that local communities are given the best opportunity to benefit from the positive changes that can be achieved.

8.0 Background Papers

- 8.1 <http://www.derbyshiresport.co.uk/derbyshirecyclingplan>