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### **1.0 Recommendations**

1.1 It is recommended that the Council resolve to:

- (i) note the contents of the Swadlincote Walking Strategy Monitoring Report;
- (ii) continue to work in partnership with Derbyshire County Council and other interested parties to implement the Walking Strategy and
- (iii) review the Walking Strategy taking account of the forthcoming review of the Derbyshire Local Transport Plan and of Department for Transport advice to local authorities on walking.

### **2.0 Purpose of Report**

2.1 To advise members of progress in implementing the Swadlincote Walking 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 Swadlincote Walking Strategy was adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance by the then Development Services Committee at its meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2001 (minute no. DS/22 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: 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 Derbyshire County Council, as Highways Authority, and private developers.
- 4.2 South Derbyshire District Council contributed £10,000 toward the cost of developing part of National Cycle Route 63 in 2002/03, which is also accessible to pedestrians, and it is likely that further contributions toward the development of specific off-road multi-user access 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 reduce crime and disorder along with the fear of crime
  - to improve access to leisure and cultural activities for all sections of the community.
- 5.2 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, accountancy and legal functions in partnership with outside agencies.

#### **6.0 Community Implications**

- 6.1 Walking represents a low-cost, environmentally sustainable transport option, available to most of the population.

#### **7.0 Conclusions**

- 7.1 As set out in para.s 19-25 of the monitoring report attached at Annexe A.

#### **8.0 Background Papers**

Swadlincote Walking Strategy

South Derbyshire District Council  
November 2001