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| SUBJECT: | SWADLINCOTE WALKING STRATEGY CONSULTATION | REF: |
| WARD(S) AFFECTED: | GRESLEY, MIDWAY, NEWHALL, SWADLINCOTE, WOODVILLE | TERMS OF REFERENCE: DS 9 |

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

(i) endorse the proposed changes;

(ii) adopt the amended document as Supplementary Planning Guidance for the purposes of development control and

(iii) agree that the completed document be made available for sale price £10.00.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To report representations on the Draft Swadlincote Walking Strategy and seek member approval of proposed amendments and adoption of the Strategy as Supplementary Planning Guidance.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Members will recall that the document was approved for public consultation at Planning and Economic Development Committee on 19 April 2001 (minute PED/80 refers). The Strategy was made available for comment, with copies sent to almost 100 consultees comprising the County Council, the National Forest, schools, interest groups, major employers, leisure facilities, doctors' surgeries, retailers and public transport operators. Copies were placed in the Civic Offices, the library and the Green Bank Leisure Centre. It was publicised with a press release and posters at various locations.

3.2 A total of four representations were received. These are summarised at Annexe A alongside officer responses and consequent proposed changes to the document.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The Strategy will seek to maximise the use of external funding and resources wherever possible. Implementation will take place over a long period, thus providing an opportunity to assess new funding opportunities as they emerge.
- 4.2 It is proposed that the document be made available for sale, price £10.00, as a means of recovering part of the cost of production.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 Although the Strategy will be implemented in partnership with a wide range of organisations, input will be required from Council staff in Planning, Leisure, Engineering and Legal Services. The Strategy reflects the Council objective "to identify and address the transport needs of the District".
- 5.2 It is intended that certain sections of the pedestrian network should be provided by developers and secured through negotiated planning obligations under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990.

6.0 Community Implications

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

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 It is considered that none of the recommended changes will materially alter the principles established in the draft guidance, therefore there is no requirement to re-consult.

8.0 Background Papers