
REPORT TO:	COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 7
DATE OF MEETING:	21 FEBRUARY 2002	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	OVERVIEW COMMITTEE	OPEN
MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:	CLLR R BELL (CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW COMMITTEE)	DOC:
SUBJECT:	EXIT STRATEGY - SWADLINCOTE WOODLANDS FOREST PARK: PROGRESS REPORT	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1.0 Recommendations

- Members are asked to note the progress that is being made by the Overview Committee in exploring the issues around the future management and development of the Swadlincote Woodlands Forest Park.

2.0 Review of progress

- 2.1 At the January meeting of this Committee, members referred a report on the future management and development of the Swadlincote Woodlands Forest Park (the 'exit strategy') to the Overview Committee for further consideration.
- The Overview Committee has discussed the matter on two occasions – 21 and 30 January 2002.

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- 2.3 The Council's Facilities and Development Manager and Community Regeneration Officer attended the meeting. They began by explaining the background to the Forest Park project and the wider Swadlincote Woodlands Regeneration Scheme.
- 2.4 The Overview Committee then went on to explore with the officers:
- Implementation and funding of the Management Plan for the Forest Park
 - The Vision for the Park and how it might be completed (including paths and cycle ways, the 'Gateway Bridge', the Enterprise Trail etc)
 - The long term management and development of the site

30 January 2002

- 2.5 Members used this special meeting of the Overview Committee to take 'stock' of the information they had received. They agreed that prior to any recommendations being made to this Committee, it would be appropriate to meet with the Chair of the Swadlincote Woodlands Regeneration Board to seek his views and comments. This has been provisionally arranged for 18 March (the next scheduled meeting of the Overview Committee).
- 2.6 The intention would then be to submit a report to the April meeting of this Committee.

3.0 Financial implications.

- 3.1 This is a progress report and as such does not have any direct financial implications. However, one of the reasons why the issue of the 'exit strategy' was referred to the Overview Committee is to ensure that all the financial implications (whether capital or revenue, short or long term) are fully addressed.