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## ISSUES ARISING FROM COMMUNITY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE -

### 1 SKATEBOARDING EVENTS

- 1.1 This item of business was referred to the Community Services Committee by the Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 16 January 2003 with the recommendation that further skateboarding events be held over the Easter Period. A copy of the Officer's report is attached at Appendix A.
- 1.2 Members had noted the success of these events when details of the Holiday Activities held during the Summer had been reported to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 14 November 2002.
- 1.3 Members had requested that the possibility of providing further such events around Easter 2003 be investigated, costed and taken back to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for further consideration.
- 1.4 Members of the Committee noted that:-
  - of the two companies which had been identified as being able to provide mobile skateparks, the cheapest quotation had been from the company who had been involved in the event held last Summer.
  - if a charge were to be made for the use of the skatepark, it is estimated that the net cost of provision would be around £400, based on a charge of £3.50 for a 5 hour session and on the assumption that similar numbers as last Summer would attend.
  - this cost could be met from the existing budget.
  - since the report had been written, Swayne Park School in Rayleigh had expressed an interest in making their site available for such an event.
  - the company is fully insured and only those wearing safety equipment, provided by the company, would be allowed access to the ramps.
- 1.5 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That officers attempt to arrange 3 skateboarding events to be held over the Easter period; one in the centre of Rayleigh, one in Rochford and one at the Swayne Park School, Rayleigh, at a charge of £3.50 per person for a five hour session. (CD(F&ES))

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**2 RODENT SERVICE**

- 2.1 This item of business was referred to the Community Services Committee by the Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 16 January 2003.
- 2.2 This Committee at its meeting on 5 November 2002 requested that the Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee consider whether this Council should continue to provide a free Rodent Control Service for residents. A copy of the report is attached at Appendix B.
- 2.3 Members at that meeting had noted that:-
- although there had been a rise in the costs associated with providing a rodent control service for residents in domestic properties, this figure was reduced by employing a contractor to do the work
  - as there had recently been a general increase in rodent numbers, care would need to be taken before taking a decision to withdraw the provision of this service.
  - Members of the Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 16 January 2003 felt that the introduction of a charge for the rodent service could deter residents from dealing with this serious issue.
- 2.4 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That this Council continues to offer a free rodent service to residents of the District. (HHHCC)

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**Background Papers:** None

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