

**Committee:** Community Committee

**Agenda Item**

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**Title:** Great Dunmow and Stansted Skateparks

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Item for decision

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### Summary

1. This reports seeks a decision from Members regarding the distribution of funding to be allocated to Great Dunmow and Stansted Skatepark.

### Recommendations

2. That Members decide on the method of allocating the earmarked £40,000 to the above skateparks.

### Background Papers

3. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.
  - Reports to Community Committee and Operations Committee held on 21 September and 17 October, respectively.

### Impact

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Communication/Consultation	Both Great Dunmow Town Council and Stansted Parish Council have consulted with young people regarding redevelopment of, and additions to, the skateparks
Community Safety	The Police indicated support for the development of constructive activities such as skateparks
Equalities	The facilities will be available to all young people
Finance	The Operations Committee and Council Meeting have earmarked £40,000 to be distributed by the Community Committee between Great Dunmow Town Council and Stansted Parish Council

Human Rights	The skateparks provide access for young people to facilities requiring physical activity and skills development
Legal implications	None
Ward-specific impacts	Enhanced facilities provided in the wards with any disturbance issues having been addressed in the production of a management plan
Workforce/Workplace	None

## Situation

5. Two reports were submitted to the Community Committee on 14 September 2006 requesting funding for skateparks. Stansted Parish Council requested a further contribution of £20,000 towards the next phase of the development and Great Dunmow Parish Council requested a contribution of £30,000.
6. The Community Committee on 14 September 2006 approved a set of criteria against which funding requests could be scored. The criteria was fairly comprehensive in that it sought demonstration that projects complied with the Council's corporate plan and that the applicants were sufficiently organised to seek funding from a range of organisations as well as providing a management or business plan for the activity. The criteria was then applied to the Great Dunmow and Stansted Skatepark applications and both of these scored highly enough to achieve an award of full funding subject to Committee approval.
7. The Community Committee, after considering each project against the set of scored criteria recommended to the Operations Committee that both Councils should be awarded the amounts as requested.
8. Although the Operations Committee could consider the recommendations in the light of the Council's overall Capital Programme, under Financial Regulations it had to refer the matter to Full Council for the final decision on what, if anything, to add to the Programme. In doing so, the Operations Committee asked for further details to be made available to the Full Council, particularly in relation to funding being obtained from other sources by the applicants.
9. At the Council meeting held on the 17 October 2006 it was resolved that the sum of £40,000 in total from the capital programme be allocated to the community Committee and that Committee be authorised to determine the level of grant to the Dunmow and Stansted Skateboard Park Schemes.

10. Therefore, the Community Committee now has the responsibility of distributing the earmarked £40,000 between the two Skateparks.

### Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Insufficient funding allocated to meet the full requirements of both Skateparks	High	High If one group receives reduced funding then one project may not be completed	In order not to disadvantage one group Members may wish to apportion the funding to both groups