

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(c) Skateboarding – Provision of Infringement Fees

The Committee heard from Yani Johansen and fellow skateboarders, who questioned whether the Council had undertaken appropriate public consultation before introducing an amendment to the Christchurch City Public Places and Signs Bylaw 1992, in the provision of setting infringement fees.

They commented that there were thousands of skateboarders in the city and one of the key issues for them was the non-completion of the Washington Way skateboard park. It did not provide the proposed facilities for street skaters, whereas Victoria Square was appropriate for this purpose.

The installation of devices to prevent skateboarders skating in certain areas of the city was not helpful and likely to lead to flouting of the bylaw. They pleaded for full consultation to take place on the whole skateboarding issue.

The Committee considered the matter in conjunction with the Environmental Services Manager's report on the provision of infringement fees.