

#### 4. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

##### (b) WASHINGTON RESERVE - SKATEBOARD FACILITY

Barry Saunders, honorary warden for Washington Reserve, and Dave Mollard, of Cheapskates, addressed the Committee and presented a petition signed by 654 people seeking the early implementation of stage II of the skate park development.

The deputation pointed out that early completion of the facility would reduce the damage currently occurring to raised planted gardens and similar areas in the central city.

Aidan Prebble of the Legal Services Unit updated the Committee on the current situation relating to the legal action being taken by an adjoining owner in respect of the zoning of Washington Reserve. He explained the background to the Court proceeding and informed the Committee that he is preparing a draft decision of the Court in conjunction with the solicitors for the property owner. This is intended to reduce the time needed for a decision to be issued by the Court. It is hoped that the draft decision will be filed in the Court before Show Weekend. He said that there is little the Council can do to progress the second stage of the skateboard park until the Court proceeding has been resolved.

The Committee **decided** to refer the petition to the Parks Manager.