

## LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

<b>ENVIRONMENT &amp; LEISURE COMMITTEE</b>	<b>16 JULY 2020</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 7(ii)</b>
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Report prepared by Angie Price – Town Clerk

### **SKATE PARK SAFETY**

#### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to advise Members of the Environment and Leisure of an enquiry received into the safety of users of the skate park.

#### **Detailed Information**

An email has been received from a relatively new resident to Ledbury in relation to the safety of users of the skate park. They raised concerns over whether the Council should enforce users to wear helmets and other protective items and whether we should have signs in place enforcing this.

There is a sign at the entrance to the skate park advising that safety gear should be worn at all times, however we cannot enforce it, it is the skater choice to do so. As a result of the enquiry the Clerk has checked with the Council's insurers to make sure that their insurance cover in relation to the skate park was not subject to the enforcement of users wearing safety helmets etc. as advice from Skateboarding England was that some skate park insurance does imply this. However, the Council's insurers have confirmed that the insurance is not subject to this and that as long as there are signs advising that it should be worn this is sufficient, as it is deemed that everything has been done that is reasonably practicable to reduce the risk to the user.

As a result of this enquiry the Chair of the Committee and Clerk have spoken with the Mayor and suggested holding an event at the skate park to promote safety. The Committee Chair has advised that she is in contact with a professional skateboarder from Hereford and she would be happy to contact them and ask if they would be willing to visit Ledbury and help promote safety and give some skating demonstrations. The Mayor has agreed that he would like to go forward with this event as a Mayoral event.

#### **Recommendation**

Members are requested to receive and note the report.