

**PROVISION OF LEISURE FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
(Report by the Service Development Manager)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At the meeting of the Overview And Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery) held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday, 2 December 2008, Members request information about leisure facilities for young people provided and maintained by Huntingdonshire District Council's Operations Division.
- 1.2 This report provides information on the free to use facilities available to young people.

2. PLAY EQUIPMENT AND SKATEBOARD RAMPS

- 2.1 Huntingdonshire District Council owns and maintains 26 play areas and 2 skate board ramps on land it owns.
- 2.2 The District Council also maintains 5 skate board ramps located on town or parish council land.
- 2.3 The Operations Division also maintains 5 play areas for Ramsey Town council through its grounds maintenance partnership agreement. Ramsey Town Council pays for this service.
- 2.4 Where there are District Council facilities located on parish or town council land, these are long standing arrangements made in conjunction with the relevant authority. They were arranged to enable the provision of a facility where the District Council had insufficient suitable land of its own
- 2.5 Facilities located on third party land are by prior arrangement i.e. before construction as they need to include adequate provision for future inspection and maintenance.
- 2.6 Tables 1 and 2 in appendix A lists the locations and other details of the facilities in this section.
- 2.7 The officers of the Operations Division routinely work with town and parish councils to utilise s106 funds for the provision of play facilities on their land. These sites are in the ownership of the third tier authority.

3. OPENS SPACE FACILITIES

- 3.1 The Operations Divison maintains parks and public open spaces all of which provide opportunities for young people to use for leisure.
- 3.2 Grass football pitches exist at Priory Park, St. Neots and Sapley Playing fields, Huntingdon. Although these pitches exist for organised football, young people do use these free of charge for ad-hoc games.
- 3.3 Trim trails are located at Priory Park St. Neots and Hinchingbrooke Countryside Park Huntingdon.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 Members are recommended to note the content of this report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

None

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Appendix A
Table 1

| Type | Site | Town/ Village | Age Range | Land Responsibility | Who inspects | Who Maintains | Comments |
|-----------|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------|
| Play Area | Moorhouse Drive | Huntingdon | 3-12yrs | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Play Area | Riverside | Huntingdon | 3-12yrs | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Play Area | Maryland Ave | Huntingdon | 6-12yrs | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Play Area | Beech Close | Huntingdon | 6-12yrs | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Play Area | Mayfield Crescent | Huntingdon | 3-12yrs | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Play Area | Garner Court | Huntingdon | 3-12yrs | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Play Area | Rydal Close | Huntingdon | 6-16yrs | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Play Area | Bevan Close | Huntingdon | 3-12yrs | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Play Area | Countryside Park | Huntingdon | Various ages | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Play Area | Coneygear Park | Huntingdon | Various ages | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Play Area | Pause & Play (Hawthorn House) | Huntingdon | 3-6yrs | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Play Area | Pause & Play (Oakland House) | Huntingdon | 3-6yrs | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Play Area | The Whaddons | Huntingdon | 3-6yrs | HDC | HDC | HDC | |

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|-----------|---------------------------|------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|--|
| Play Area | Parkway | Huntingdon | 3-6yrs | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Play Area | Flamstead Drive | Huntingdon | 3-12yrs | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Play Area | Sapley Playing Fields | Huntingdon | 3-12yrs | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Play Area | Crocus Way | Yaxley | 3-12yrs | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Play Area | Priory Park | St Neots | 3-16yrs | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Play Area | Weston Court | St Neots | 4-6yrs | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Play Area | Coneygere | St Neots | 4-8yrs | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Play Area | Riverside (Bowls Club) | St Neots | 3-12yrs | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Play Area | Riverside (Ambience Café) | St Neots | 3-12yrs | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Play Area | Riverside (Rocket Park) | St Neots | 3-16yrs | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Play Area | Henbrook | St Neots | 3-12yrs | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Play Area | Maule Close | St Neots | 4-6yrs | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Play Area | Hill Rise | St Ives | 3-12yrs | HDC | HDC | HDC | |

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| Play Area | Oak Way | Ramsey | 3-12yrs | Ramsey TC | HDC | Ramsey TC | Under Ground maintenance partnership agreement |
| Play Area | Mill Lane | Ramsey | 3-12yrs | Ramsey TC | HDC | Ramsey TC | Under Ground maintenance partnership agreement |
| Play Area | Newtown Green | Ramsey | 0-5yrs | Ramsey TC | HDC | Ramsey TC | Under Ground maintenance partnership agreement |
| Play Area | King George Field | Ramsey | 0-14yrs | Ramsey TC | HDC | Ramsey TC | Under Ground maintenance partnership agreement |
| Play Area | Community Field | Ramsey Forty Foot | 3-12yrs | Ramsey TC | HDC | Ramsey TC | Under Ground maintenance partnership agreement |

Table 2

| Type | Site | Town/ Village | Age Range | Land Responsibility | Who inspects | Who Maintains | Comments |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--|
| Skate Park | Riverside | St Neots | N/A | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Skate Park | Hill Rise | St Ives | N/A | HDC | HDC | HDC | |
| Skate Park | Middleton Field | Yaxley | N/A | Yaxley PC | HDC | HDC | PC provided land |
| Skate Park | Norwood Playing Field | Somersham | N/A | Somersham PC | HDC | HDC | PC provided land |
| Skate Park | Causeway | Great Staughton | N/A | Staughton PC | HDC | HDC | PC provided land |
| Skate Park | East Perry | Perry | N/A | Perry PC | HDC | HDC | PC provided land |
| Skate Park | Thrapston Road | Brampton | N/A | Brampton PC | HDC | HDC | PC provided land |
| Skate Park | St Judiths Field | Godmanchester | N/A | Godmanchester TC | HDC | HDC | Replacement for vandalised ramp required |