

4. CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUBCOMMITTEE

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The purpose of this report is to give the Community and Leisure Committee an overview of the work that the Children and Youth Subcommittee carried out in 2002 and, given that the Subcommittee has been disestablished, to place before the Committee the Terms of Reference that the Subcommittee developed.

SUBCOMMITTEE WORK

During 2002 the Subcommittee met on five occasions; 4 March, 11 April, 24 July, 2 September and 14 October.

Key topics considered by the Subcommittee included:

- The Youth Night Safety Project
- Children and Youth Advocacy
- Terms of Reference for the Subcommittee
- Youth Participation (range of approaches)
- Evaluation of Council funded Metropolitan Youth Organisations
- Youth Initiatives Facilitator (Linwood)
- Youth Party Network
- Role of Police in Youth issues
- Youth Initiatives in Shirley/Papanui
- Legal Art Programme (tour of sites)
- Database/Website possibilities

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Although the Subcommittee's Terms of Reference were reported to this Committee in May 2002, given that the Subcommittee has been disestablished, it is timely to highlight the objectives in particular to ensure that the focus on children and youth issues is not overlooked.

The Terms of Reference, as approved, were as follows:

"Aim

(i) *To contribute to the Council's vision that:*

Children are nurtured and young people are encouraged.

[Refer Strategic Statement 2002]

(ii) *To help enhance community cohesion and wellbeing through:*

Ensuring that the needs and aspirations of children and youth are taken into account in all Council activities.

[Refer Strategic Objective A5]

(Note: *The Strategic Statement and Strategic Objective also refer to elderly and/or people with disabilities, ie the above are not direct quotations.)*

Objectives

1. *To monitor the implementation of the Children and Youth Policy across Council units.*
2. *To become aware of the children and youth profile of Christchurch and the various initiatives already in place which promote community cohesion.*
3. *To become aware of various children/youth initiatives in the City.*
4. *To review children and youth initiatives as appropriate and make recommendations on the outcomes of those reviews.*

5. *To investigate, initiate and promote new projects that will benefit children and youth in the City.*
6. *To work with central government and community organisations on joint projects.*
7. *To consult directly with youth and children.*

Success Indicators

- 1.1 *To provide a report annually on the implementation of the Children and Youth Policy within the Council.*
- 2.1 *Briefing meetings are held with at least three appropriate government departments on significant community service provided by December 2002, including a briefing on youth alcohol and drug issues.*
- 3.1 *The Subcommittee is fully briefed by December 2002 on initiatives.*
- 3.2 *The Subcommittee is aware of projects involving consultation and participation with children and youth across Council units and including Community Boards.*
- 4.1 *Subcommittee has considered outcomes of reviews of the Legal Art Programme (Graffiti) and Youth Participation in the Council (Youth Council) and recommends any changes by September 2002.*
- 5.1 *Subcommittee has considered proposals for co-location of youth services by September 2002.*
- 6.1 *To make submissions as necessary to central government on appropriate children/youth related issues.*
- 6.2 *The Subcommittee is kept up-to-date on partnerships with Central Government particularly those involving opportunities for joint funding, for example strengthening families."*

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Subcommittee be thanked for its work throughout 2002.
 2. That the target group advocacy staff ensure that the Community and Leisure Committee is briefed on relevant children and youth issues.

Chairman's

- Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.