16. OUT OF SCHOOL PROGRAMMES - EVALUATION

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The purpose of this report is to report back to the Board on the Council's evaluation proposal for out of school programmes.

At its meeting on 29 October 2002 the Board received a report from the Senior Recreation Adviser on the Government funding of Out of School Care and Recreation Programmes. The Board was advised that at the end of the 2002/03 financial year an evaluation would be undertaken of out of school programmes on a metropolitan basis. The project brief has now been prepared and will be put out for tender (attached).

During the discussion on this matter in October, the Board resolved:

"That funding be set aside from the Board's 2002/03 Discretionary Fund to research the effectiveness of out of school programmes in the Spreydon/Heathcote area."

The Board needs to allocate funding towards this project from its remaining Discretionary Funds. To date no cost is available for this work.

As the Council is about to undertake the metropolitan evaluation, it would seem appropriate that the Board either await the results of that project, and at that time consider whether additional information is required for Spreydon/Heathcote; or alternatively, add to the metropolitan project the additional requirements of the Board, and this be included within that project, if this is possible. The additional cost would need to be met by the Board. The Board would also need to identify the specific information it required, over and above that included in the metropolitan project.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board not proceed with the Spreydon/Heathcote out of school

programmes evaluation, but review the need for this following completion of

the metropolitan evaluation project.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.