

10. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DRAFT STRATEGY

The Early Childhood Strategy Team sought Board endorsement of the draft Early Childhood Education Strategy. The Board **decided** to endorse the Early Childhood Education Strategy with the following provisos:

1. That the Council negotiate a lease with ECE Services in Council owned buildings.
2. That the Council liaise with the Christchurch Community Childcare Association regarding support of management committees.
3. That the eligibility criteria also refer to hours of operation and the provision of trained ECE staff.
4. That the funding arrangements be reviewed every three years, subject to continued compliance to the Council's standards as outlined in Annual Reports.
5. The words "as a last resort" be deleted from the last paragraph on page 3 of the draft strategy.