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The purpose of this report is to propose an Out of School Programme policy for the Council to help guide Council's activities in this area.

The policy provides a framework within which priorities can be identified. It expresses the limits within which action should occur rather than determining what action will occur. It has been prepared based on Council and Community Board research and widespread consultation with Community Boards, Councillors, Out of School Programme providers, Council staff and the Out of School Care and Recreation (OSCAR) Network. It has the endorsement of Community Boards.

The Out of School Programme Policy Development Report is separately tabled. The report provides information on the needs, benefits and provision of Out of School programmes in Christchurch along with the background to the Council's involvement in this area.

The report also provides background information on the funding of Out of School Programmes in Christchurch as requested by Councillors and Community Board members. It reports on the recent policy consultation and presents the feedback from Community Boards, Councillors, Out of School Programme providers, Council staff and the Out of School Care and Recreation (OSCAR) Network.

It provides a summary of the recommendations regarding the Council's and Community Boards' support for Out of School Programmes contained in the Kirk Report (1997) and other Community Board research. It includes copies of the National Association for Out of School Care and Recreation (NA OSCAR), recommended Minimum Standards for Out of School Programmes and a map of Out of School Programmes in the city.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Out of School Policy be adopted.
  2. That the Out of School research worker assist Community Boards to develop a strategic plan for future priorities and directions.
  3. That submissions be made to Government on the inadequacy of the subsidies available, that the administration process be simplified and delays in payment reduced.