

2. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DRAFT STRATEGY

A report from the Early Childhood Education Strategy Team sought endorsement of the draft Early Childhood Education Strategy, and an outline of the strategy with a supporting display of overhead slides was presented by the Property Asset Officer, a member of the working party.

Sally Thompson, also a member of the working party, explained that the strategy would not bring about major changes, but provided guidelines for staff and those involved in the area. It served to formalise a number of current practices. The Council had a role in advising central government of the implications of policy changes and also in advocating for further funding. The Board's role would continue to be that of advocacy.

The Board **decided** to endorse the draft Early Childhood Education Strategy.