4. E-COMMUNICATION WORKING PARTY

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The purpose of this report is to report back to the Board on the meetings of the e-Communication Working Party, and to seek a change in direction and purpose of same.

The Working Party has had two meetings, on Friday 20 February and Tuesday 23 March 2004. The first meeting included representatives from three community groups involved in providing computer training at a local level. The discussions identified a number of issues, primarily the need to clarify what is already happening, what are the gaps, and funding issues.

As a result of these discussions, the Working Party has reached the conclusion that the original expected outcomes needed to be reviewed along with its objectives, and name.

Attached are the reports of the meetings held on 20 February and 23 March 2004.

Staff Recommendation: That the Board reconsider the objectives and purpose of the e-Communication Working Party.

Chairman's Recommendation: For discussion. A list of computer classes and their levels of training is being compiled. The issues of the gaps and funding are also to be discussed with the Learning Centre. The issue of computer training for residents is being addressed by a number of outlets; however, e-communication between groups has yet to be further developed.