


2. PRESENTATION : “OUT OF SCHOOL PROGRAMME” EVALUATION



Dr Lesley MacGibbon, author of the Evaluation Report, and Ms Penelope Goldstone (the Council's Team Leader, Community Development Advisers) were in attendance to present the report.

The Council has a commitment to improving the quality of life of Christchurch children and their families, which is reflected in the Social Well-being Policy, the Children's Policy, the Recreation and Sport Policy, the Youth Policy, and the Out of School Programme Policy. As part of its commitment to the support of children and young people, the Christchurch City Council has supported Out of School Programmes through service delivery, funding support, advice and resourcing.

It is within this context of increasing demand for Council support, that this review of the Council's involvement in Out of School Programmes was undertaken. This review was undertaken within the parameters of current levels of Council funding for this area. This review sought to answer the following questions:

What programmes are currently operating in the Christchurch area?
What are the gaps in provision of after school and holiday programmes?
How efficiently are after school and holiday programmes utilising Council funding?
How effective is the support of after school and holiday programmes in achieving the Council policy goals?
Is resourcing of after school and holiday programmes the best “investment” the Council can make for children's welfare and development?
What evidence is there of benefits and outcomes to children and their families through participation in Out of School Programmes?
What is the potential impact of external funding sources on Council's current level of provision?

A suggested motion, promoted by Neville Bennett, sought “.... Further investigation into access : What criteria should be used to select students for admittance to this service”.

It was agreed that this matter would be responded to following the presentations to the other Community Boards (from whom other questions may arise).

In **receiving** the report the Board endorsed the series of recommendations contained within the report. (P84 “recommendations”)