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Corporate Plan Output: Children's Strategy	

The purpose of this report is to inform elected members of the process for developing a CCC Children's Policy.

The Children's Strategy Research Report was completed in January 1996. A Children's Advocate was appointed in December 1995 to begin in January 1996.

The Research Report has been a working document following its adoption by the Council in 1996.

It is proposed now to move forward from the working document to preparing a Council Children's Policy. It is anticipated that this will cover the following:

- The effect of CCC policies, planning and programmes upon the lives of children and their families in Christchurch.
- The relevant involvement of children in consultation and planning, as an input to decision making.
- The review and setting of policies in the light of a children's policy.

The development of the policy will proceed as follows:

1. June 1998 - draft policy prepared and submitted for approval to June meeting of the Community Services Committee.
2. During July and August 1998, the draft policy will be put out to staff and interested parties for comment and to seek community views and input.
3. August 1998 revision of the draft policy will take place.
4. The revised policy will be submitted to the Council in August 1998 or September via the Community Services Committee.

**Recommendation:** That the Community Services Committee agrees to the preparation of a Council Children's Policy using the process outlined above.

**Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.