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The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee on the process of developing an Out of School Programme Policy and to invite feedback from Committee members on the draft Policy.

The need for an Out of School Programme Policy was identified by Councillors, Community Board members, Council staff and community groups involved in out of school programmes. In response to this identified need and based on earlier consultation and research findings an internal advisory group is developing an Out of School Programmes Policy.

The Policy will define the roles of Council and Community Boards in Out of School Programme services. It will provide a framework against which activities and strategies can be planned and reviewed and priorities established.

The attached document has been drafted as a starting point for discussion. We are seeking feedback from Community Boards, programme and service providers and Advocacy Teams, on points for inclusion and exclusion in the policy. This feedback will be collated and analysed and the policy will be amended accordingly.

Councillors are invited to provide feedback on the proposed strategic direction contained in the policy. A further draft of the Policy will come back before the Community Services Committee for endorsement.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Committee members provide feedback on the strategic direction contained in the draft policy.
 2. That the document be endorsed as a basis for consultation with interested parties.

Chairman's Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.