

### 3. DRAFT YOUTH STRATEGY

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The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement from the Community Services Committee of the Draft Youth Strategy, a copy of which has been separately circulated.

In July 1998 the Council adopted a Youth Policy which sets out the Council's commitment to young people, their families and communities. The development of the youth policy involved widespread consultation with young people, community groups and government organisations conducted between September 1997 and February 1998.

The Youth Strategy document signals the beginning of another phase in terms of the Council's commitment to young people. It is an attempt to carve out some strategic directions for the implementation of the youth policy. It holds the potential for some advances to be made in relation to young people and the Council's Youth Policy.

The document consists of a discussion of some important youth policy ideas along with the development of accompanying strategies. It documents Council's role and approach and sets out goals to respond to the needs of young people over the next three years. It consolidates the directions set by the Youth Policy and the experience and knowledge of the Youth Advocate. The Strategy also acknowledges that the Council works in partnership with government agencies and non-government agencies. It outlines strategies to ensure the Council continues to work these agencies and with young people.

The next stage of the process is to develop a means to evaluate the Council progress in achieving the outcomes identified in the policy statement and implementing the strategy.

Community Services Committee endorsement of the Strategy is now sought.

**Recommendation:** That the Community Services Committee endorses the Draft Youth Strategy as circulated.

**Chairman's  
Recommendation:** For discussion.