21. HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

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The following reports are before the Board for information.

a) LINWOOD MOVERS' HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The 'Linwood Movers' Holiday Programme ran from Tuesday 6 April to Friday 9 April at Linwood Union Church. The programme accepted 35 children per day and catered for 7-11 year olds. It was contracted to the Oscar Development Group.

Attendance

Tuesday 6 April	34
Wednesday 7 April	33
Thursday 8 April	34
Friday 9 April	33

Average number per day: 33.5. Total attendance during the week was 134. (Note 4 day week due to Easter Monday holiday)

Activities

The planned activities were well received and enjoyed by the different age groups. The activities of choice (art material, books and sports equipment) were used constantly. The lack of an outdoor grass area made catering for the older boys a bit more difficult. The good weather added to the success of the outings. The activities were carefully planned to meet the needs of the 7-11 year olds, with different options within the activities.

Staff

The different cultures of the staff (Maori, Samoan, Japanese, European) helped to meet the cultural mix of the children. The staff worked very well together.

Conclusion

A good first programme at a new venue in a new area with good parent feedback.

b) LINWOOD YOUTH ADVENTURERS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The Linwood Youth Adventurers was run in partnership with the Linwood Union Church. The programme ran for five days over the April holidays. The programme was for 11-15 year olds and accepted 15 children per day.

Attendance

Wednesday 7 April	11
Friday 9 April	12
Monday 12 April	13
Wednesday 15 April	12
Friday 17 April	8

Activities

Activities included windsurfing, Krypton Challenge, mountain biking and rock climbing. These activities attracted comments like 'awesome', 'wow', and 'cool'. A management plan was done for each activity. Each activity had a qualified tutor who was responsible for seeing health and safety standards were met.

Staff

The Linwood Youth Worker, Catherine Bloomfield, supervised the programme. She had great rapport with the youth. We had difficulty with volunteers not turning up showing the need for a paid assistant for Catherine. Tutors for the activities were very professional.

Conclusion

The youth worker needs a reliable helper for each of the activities. Youth were keen to do an overnight trip. This could be looked at in the future with the support of Alpine Mountain Safety and the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme.

C) BROMLEY BOREDOM BUSTERS AND PHILLIPSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Further reports on the "Bromley Boredom Busters" and on the Phillipstown Community Centre School Holiday Programme are attached for the information of Board members.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.