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The purpose of this report is to seek feedback from the Community Board on the attached Draft Out of School Programme Policy. Louise Birkett and Mary Richardson will in attendance at 5.00 pm to answer any questions.

The need for an Out for 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, programmes 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.

Community Board comments on the usefulness, or otherwise, of the draft policy and how it could be improved will be extremely valuable.

Recommendation: That the Community Board reviews the draft Out of School Policy and provides feedback on its usefulness, or otherwise, and how it could be improved.

Chairperson’s Recommendation: That a Working Party of the Board meet to review the draft and make comments.