

#### 4. OUT OF SCHOOL PROGRAMMES POLICY

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The purpose of this report is to propose an Out of School Programme policy for the Council to help guide the Council's activities in this area. The policy has been referred to the Community Services Committee for endorsement and to this Committee for information.

The policy provides a framework within which priorities can be identified. It expresses the limits within which action should occur rather than determining what action will occur. It has been prepared based on Council and Community Board research and widespread consultation with Community Boards, Councillors, Out of School Programme providers, Council staff and the Out of School Care and Recreation (OSCAR) Network. It has the endorsement of Community Boards, and the Policy incorporates their comments and feedback.

An Out of School Programme Policy Development Report has been separately circulated to Councillors. This report provides information on the needs, benefits and provision of Out of School programmes in Christchurch along with the background to the Council's involvement in this area.

The report also provides background information on the funding of Out of School Programmes in Christchurch as requested by Councillors and Community Board members. It reports on the recent policy consultation and presents the feedback from Community Boards, Councillors, Out of School Programme providers, Council staff and the Out of School Care and Recreation (OSCAR) Network.

It also provides a summary of the recommendations regarding the Council's and Community Boards' support for Out of School Programmes contained in the Kirk Report (1997) (a metropolitan research project on this issue initiated by the Council) and other Community Board research. It includes copies of the National Association for Out of School Care and Recreation (NA OSCAR) recommended Minimum Standards for Out of School Programmes. The report also provides a map of Out of School Programmes in the city.

#### **Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.