

## 16. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

### 16.1 Discretionary Fund Update

The attached schedule shows the Board's discretionary fund allocations to date since 1 July 2003. A total of \$24,605 remains available for allocation.

### 16.2 Community Response Fund

The attached schedule shows the Board's community response fund allocations to date since 1 July 2003. A total of \$4,700 remains available for allocation.

### 16.3 Report of Informal Briefing held on 10 September 2003

A briefing for the Board on the needs of older people in the Hagley and Ferrymead Wards was held on 10 September 2003.

Jane Parrett (Researcher) presented the findings of her recent older people research. In particular, Jane outlined her findings in relation to transport, social isolation, facilities and shops, community activities, housing, demographic changes and information technology. Angela Howard from Age Concern and Ann Russell-Brighty from the Avonside Holy Trinity Church also attended to discuss their experiences with the needs of older people.

### 16.4 Report of Seminar Meeting held on 18 September 2003

A Board seminar was held on 18 September 2003.

#### *Environmental Services Unit Communication Plan and Enforcement Issues*

Jane Donaldson (Environmental Services Officer) and Tony Murray (Area Development Officer) briefed the Board on the Environmental Services Unit's Communication Plan. They also discussed environmental enforcement issues of concern to the Board.

#### *Telecommunication Facility Sites*

John de Zwart (Project Manager) and Victoria Murdoch (Property Services Officer) presented the Council's policies and procedures for siting telecommunication facilities on Council land.

### 16.5 Changes to Council Structure

The Board may wish to consider whether it wants to make a submission on the proposed changes to the Council's structure and ward boundaries. Submissions close on 14 October 2003.

### 16.6 Community Gardens Guidelines

A further draft of the Community Gardens Guidelines is attached for the Board's information and comment. The draft will be reported to the October meeting of the Parks Gardens and Waterways Committee.