



## 8. COMMUNITY GARDENING UPDATE

The Board considered an update on progress since the concept of community gardening was reported in November 1999 and the Board's suggestions were sought for the type of support it can provide to a local community garden in its area.

The Community Board considered:

- The appointment of a Board member to “champion” community gardens in the Board area and act as a contact for information both locally and by networking with other community gardening initiatives across the city;
- Provision of support for a key local garden/group which is able and willing to act as a demonstration garden for other groups wishing to establish a similar initiative;
- That where appropriate, support be provided for selected new groups to establish local community gardening initiatives and;
- Integration of the above support with other Strengthening Community Action Plan initiatives.

Considerable progress has been made in co-ordinating information on existing community gardening initiatives in Christchurch. Discussion has been held with key stakeholders to develop the best method to expand community gardening to meet environmental (waste minimisation) and social goals publicly stated by the Christchurch City Council. A detailed project outline for expanding community gardening in Christchurch will be reported to Community Boards when it has been developed.

The Board **decided**:

1. That the information be received
2. That Carole Anderton be appointed as the Board's area community garden “champion”, and also to act as a contact for sourcing information both locally and by networking with other community gardening initiatives across the city.
3. That a report be submitted to the Board recommending that funding from the 2000/2001 Discretionary Fund for the Strickland Street Community Garden be approved and that any other funding be allocated from the Strengthening Community Action Plan fund.