

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(b) **Brigid Lenihan, Tala Kele and Robin Anker, Canterbury Development Corporation**

Brigid Lenihan (Operations Manager), Tala Kele (Employment Adviser) and Robin Anker (Employment Adviser) updated the Committee and responded to questions in respect of the following initiatives:

“*Actionworks*” (see also attached strategy and management schedule):

- a local government/central government partnership unique to Christchurch. The model takes a holistic approach to assisting young people into further education, training or employment. Each client works with a case manager. The structure includes ten employment advisers, four employed by Work and Income New Zealand and six employed by the Christchurch City Council. The manager is also employed by the Christchurch City Council.

“*Youthworks*” (see also attached process schedule):

- a Christchurch City Council, Employment Services initiative which works in partnership with Community Corrections, Department of Work and Income, Police, Youth Workers’ Collective, Wai Ora Trust and various community support groups.

Aims:

- increase the safety of citizens by reducing youth criminal offending
- provide support services for individual youth to minimise criminal involvement
- promote employment opportunities
- positively promote youth to Christchurch employers

“*Schools’ Employment Programme*”:

Piloted at Aranui High School in March 1995, the programme is targeted at Maori and Pacific Island students and aims to turn around the low level of achievement for students at school and their low level of success in finding employment on leaving school.

Statement of Objectives:

The Schools’ Employment Programme will contribute towards the following Christchurch City Council Community Development and Social Well-being Outcomes:

- High self-esteem
- Self-determination and empowerment
- Improving the position of the least advantaged
- Respect for cultural diversity
- Development of local community identities and pride
- Participation and a sense of belonging in community

The Committee **decided** that the information be received.