

5. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(b) YWCA

Margaret Arnold (Director of Programmes) and Vivien Lang (Manager of Accommodation) updated the Committee on the operations of the YWCA.

It was noted that an increasing number of young Asian women were now seeking support through the YWCA. These women were facing a number of difficulties within the community, and were often not used to dealing with co-educational environments and the relative freedom of New Zealand culture. While the YWCA was able to provide a safe environment for these young women, the difficulties faced by them were not well understood and assistance from the Council was needed in this area.

In addition, there were some constraints placed on the YWCA in terms of maintenance of Council-provided housing. It was **decided** that the YWCA/Christchurch City Council contract would be reviewed to ensure that it was in line with other Council housing contracts.