



## 17. YOUTH ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to a joint report from the Community Advocate and Brigid Ryan of the Canterbury Development Corporation proposing the establishment of a pilot programme at Burnside High School similar to the School's Employment Programme.

The initiative developed out of the Board's decision on 3 April calling for a review of the present age qualification for entry to the LSV scheme with a view to covering some of the younger school leavers who remained unemployed and who were prematurely exiting the education system.

The submitted proposal was based on a two year trial with funding shared between the Board, Advocacy Team, Burnside High School and the Canterbury Development Corporation.

Members were generally supportive of the proposal albeit there was a preference for the pilot to apply for one, rather than a two year period.

The Board **decided** that the Youth Assistance Partnership Programme based at Burnside High School be implemented as a one year pilot and that funding arrangements be finalised by the Community Services Committee with power to act.