

#### 4. YOUTH, ALCOHOL AND DRUG ISSUES

A report from Councillor Alister James and the Children's Advocate provided an update on collaborative initiatives aimed at addressing the lack of Government action on youth alcohol and drug issues.

The Committee **decided**:

1. That the Mayor convene a forum with representatives of the Canterbury District Health Board and other agencies to progress the establishment of a residential youth alcohol and drug treatment programme.
2. That a copy of this report and the resolutions of the Council be sent to all local Members of Parliament and relevant Ministers.
3. That the Associate Minister of Health, the Hon Jim Anderton, and Judge Walker from the Youth Drug Court, be invited to attend the forum.
4. That Councillors Alister James and Ingrid Stonhill from the Community Plans Special Committee attend the forum.