

## 20. REQUEST FOR REALLOCATION OF FUNDING – CHRISTCHURCH COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE

The Environmental Services Manager reported, advising the Committee of a request from the Christchurch Community Law Centre for a reallocation of funding.

For the past few years the Council has provided \$33,000 pa to the Resource Management Service. This funding sits within the Environmental Services Unit's budget and has been paid out each year in three instalments.

The Ministry for the Environment recently introduced a new funding scheme for groups involved in resource management and the Resource Management Service received a grant of \$45,000. Consequently the service no longer required the Council grant of \$33,000.

Although the Resource Management Service did not require any additional funding, the Christchurch Community Law Centre had an overall funding shortfall of \$60,000 for 2002/03. The Centre sought a reallocation of the \$33,000 budgeted for the Resource Management Service to enable it to carry out a research project to identify people who do not have access to justice and for a second project aimed at maintaining and developing the provision of legal advice and education to the Pacific Islands community.

Councillor Anderton moved *"That the grant remain as a line item in the Environmental Services Unit's sub-budget"*. The amendment was seconded by Councillor Crighton and when put to the meeting was declared **lost** on division no 1 by 3 votes to 9, the voting being as follows:

**Against (9):** Councillors Austin, Baker, Condon, Corbett, Harrow, O'Rourke, Wright, the Mayor and the Chair.

**For (3):** Councillors Anderton, Crighton and Ganda.

While the Committee unanimously supported the request to reallocate the Council grant to fund the above initiatives, the majority of the members did not support the amendment. It was considered that the Centre's grant should be treated in the same way as other Council grants and reviewed on an annual basis by the Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee.

The Committee **resolved** that the \$33,000 Council grant be reallocated to the Christchurch Community Law Centre for the current year only.