

## 16. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the recommendations of the Youth Development Subcommittee for enhancing the Board's ongoing project support and dialogue with young people, youth workers, youth and community agencies and the wider community.

### BACKGROUND

At the Board's meeting of 2 October 2000, the Board decided to establish a Subcommittee (Chrissie Williams, Glenda Burt and Caroline Kellaway) to consider suggestions contained in a report submitted by the Community Development Adviser. The report contained 13 suggestions for supporting youth work and encouraging dialogue with youths. These suggestions were a response to issues and ideas raised at two youth worker meetings in August. The Subcommittee considered the suggestions and developed the following recommendations. Several of the recommendations are of more general application.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board give priority to raising local youth development issues with the Council and urge the Council to advocate to central government policy-makers on youth issues raised through the youth worker meetings.
  2. That the Board continues to give a high priority to youth work at the Board's February 2001 meeting to consider allocation of Project and Discretionary funds.
  3. That the Board establish a Youth Development Fund of \$2,500 for 2001/02 for the support of individual youth in the Burwood/Pegasus area. Officers to report back to the Board with a Fund administration proposal after seeking information from other Boards on how they administer such funds.
  4. That the Board supports the focus group model rather than a Board youth committee or youth council as a means of engaging young people about local youth and community issues.
  5. That the Board host one meeting per year of the Christchurch City Council's Youth Council and invite local youth and youth workers.
  6. That the Board host two youth worker meetings each year with a specific focus for each.
  7. That the Chairperson and Community Advocate continue to liaise with Work and Income New Zealand in developing further community liaison meetings to provide further opportunity to focus on youth and community issues.
  8. That the Advocacy Team and Leisure Unit explore 'Have a Go Days' at Council-owned facilities in the area (ie QEII, Cowles Stadium and Burwood Park).
  9. That the Board seeks information on passport or voucher systems for youth to have better access to community facilities.
  10. That the Advocacy Team investigate subsidies, financed from Board funds, for youth groups using Council facilities.
  11. That the Board hold meetings in the community, where appropriate, to enhance the ability of local people to raise issues arising from their local community.

12. That the Board explore opportunities for partnerships with the Council and other community-based organisations for sharing administration and project management resources to minimise duplications of overhead costs and to provide appropriate expertise that is currently not accessible to some community groups.
13. That the Board continues to support Christchurch City Council endeavours to streamline community requests for funding from the various Council funding streams.

**Chairperson's  
Recommendation:**

That the abovementioned recommendations be adopted.