

11. YOUTH JUSTICE RESIDENTIAL CENTRE – SOUTH (YJS)

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee that the Mayor, Garry Moore, has nominated the Deputy Mayor, Lesley Keast, as the Council's representative on the Youth Justice Service Working Group.

The working group has been recently established by Hon Steve Maharey, Minister of Social Services and Employment to identify and consult the community on sites that may be potentially suitable for a Youth Justice Residential Centre – South in the greater Christchurch area.

Due to the strong reaction from community groups on sites recently proposed for a youth justice facility, the Minister has sought the assistance of key representatives and stakeholders from the Christchurch area to work with the Department of Child, Youth and Family Services on this project.

It is also recommended that an alternative member be identified from the Council to stand in for the Deputy Mayor, should the need arise.

Given the urgent need to establish the working party, with the first meeting held on 5 July 2001, it is recommended that this report be accepted as a supplementary item for the information of the committee.

Chairman's

Recommendation:

1. That this supplementary report be received.
2. That Councillor Sally Thompson be nominated to stand in for the Deputy Mayor on the Youth Justice Service Working Group in the event that Councillor Keast is unable to attend.