

3. REPORT FROM TASKFORCE ON POVERTY

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee that the Mayoral Taskforce on Poverty will presents its report to the Committee at the September meeting.

BACKGROUND

The Council established a Taskforce on Poverty to identify and advocate for solutions to poverty. Its focus is on finding solutions that address the causes of poverty, not just its symptoms. Its terms of reference include:

- To develop strategies to strengthen responses to poverty in Christchurch.
- To review and make recommendations on Council's programmes and policies with respect to their impacts on those on low incomes in Christchurch.
- To recommend to Council, central government and other bodies action to reduce the level of poverty in the different communities, including policy development and review.
- To build and maintain relationships among key government and non-government agencies and organisations with responsibilities for addressing the causes and effects of poverty.
- To develop and report on performance measures of actions taken by the Taskforce.

The Taskforce comprised:

Paul Dalziel, Economics Department, University of Canterbury
Sue Bagshaw, 198 Health Centre
Major Campbell Roberts, Salvation Army
Mark Solomon, Kaiwhakahaere, Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu

Mayor Garry Moore and Carole Anderton (Chair, Community Services Committee) also attend Taskforce meetings.

REPORT

The Taskforce will present its final report to the Committee on 10 September 2001.

This report will outline the activities undertaken by the Taskforce and make recommendations to the Council, which the Taskforce believe will help address the issue of poverty.

Recommendation: That the Committee receive this information.

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- Recommendation:**
1. That the Committee extend its thanks to the Taskforce members.
 2. That the Committee hand the report to the incoming relevant Standing Committee of the new Council to consider how they can action the recommendations.