5. OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Community Development Adviser, Deirdre Ryan will give a presentation on the progress to date on activities and projects in the Fendalton/Waimairi community.

Following the presentations the Committee will be invited to discuss some possible future directions for 2005/06.

The summary notes below are intended to assist the Committee to determine some points of discussion.

In 1998 a community mapping exercise was undertaken by the previous Community Development Adviser, Paul McOscar which highlighted a number of issues.

Over time, through some new initiatives, a significant number of these have been successfully addressed. Some examples of which include the facilitation of partnerships with other agencies through community liaison forums and mentoring support (North West Mentoring Project). In addition some existing project services have continued to receive Board support, including Early Learning Centres, OSCAR programmes, CAB, Neighbourhood Support and Community Workers (through salary support).

Other remaining issues which continue and which may be of interest to the Committee include:
- Promotion of volunteerism
- Parenting and Family support
- Overcoming isolation and promotion of safe neighbourhoods
- Facilitation of the improvement of induction programmes for migrant and refugee communities. (This is particularly important for young people.)
- Facilitation of communication links amongst local agencies
- Promotion of available services

In addition, special interest groups could be given particular focus depending on their needs e.g.
- Children
- Young people
- Older adults
- People with disabilities
- Ethnic groups
- Maori

By highlighting these potential areas of focus, it is hoped that some strategic direction will develop for the year ahead, in meeting the needs of our community.