

## **6. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT**

### **(a) NEW BRIGHTON HOT POOLS LTD**

Representatives of the company proposing to develop hot saltwater pools at New Brighton were granted speaking rights to address the Committee in support of their proposal. As the spokesperson for the company was unavailable the matter was held over until the February meeting of the Committee.

### **(b) NEW BRIGHTON PIER - PROPOSED TOURIST HELICOPTER OPERATION**

Mr Robin McCarthy, Skyview Helicopters, addressed the Committee in support of his application to operate a tourist helicopter from the New Brighton Pier. In speaking to his application, Mr McCarthy expressed the view that the activity would not be detrimental to recreational activities on the pier, or to library operations and reiterated the assurances given in his written application relating to the noise generated by the operation. Mr McCarthy advised that he would be prepared to reduce the operating hours from 1.00pm-5.00pm to 2.00pm-5.00pm and, with the consent of Civil Aviation, to modify the helicopter landing pad to meet the concerns raised regarding access to the bulb end of the pier. In response to Councillors' questions, Mr McCarthy advised that the operation would be a continuous one with seven 8 minute flights per hour being scheduled during the period the helicopter was operating.