3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(b) RICHMOND GROUP

A deputation was received by the Committee from Mr Paul Bradley, Human Resources Manager of the Richmond Fellowship, who was supported by Mr Andrew Donnithorne, in conjunction with Te Runanga O Nga Maata Waka, represented by Messrs Henare Edwards and Norm Dewes. These parties represented a joint venture organisation named Te Amorangi Richmond, which was established to operate facilities for those in need where the skills of the parent organisations can be mutually utilised to deliver a high quality specialist residential and non-residential service for people who have major psychiatric and psychological disabilities.

The proposal was for Te Amorangi Richmond to establish a Wellness Centre in Christchurch by 1 April 2001, which will provide a specific and holistic health service for all cultures that will deliver comprehensive primary healthcare services for the Christchurch community particularly the eastern suburbs.

The deputation sought a partnership agreement between the Council and Te Amorangi Richmond to enable the Pages/Woodham Roads site to be used for the operation of the proposed Wellness Centre. It was proposed that the Council retain ownership of the land and Te Amorangi Richmond be entitled to lease the land for a period of 50 years at a peppercorn rental and a right of renewal, subject to the continued revenue of the Wellness Centre.

A report on this site with recommendations is included under clause 8 (public excluded).