

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(b) St Albans Baptist Church

On behalf of the St Albans Baptist Church, Tony Marsh informed the Board of the activities of the community arm of the church known as the “Neighbourhood Trust” and requested Board funding assistance for these activities.

The aim of the Trust, which was non-profit making, was to provide a variety of seminars and practical courses designed to develop life skills. Information was tabled showing the findings of the Trust's work to ascertain the demographic profile of its area and some needs identified from a questionnaire that had been distributed.

In response to members' questions, Tony said that the Trust considered the budget advice and women's self-defence programmes were its top priority. He confirmed that the Trust was working in conjunction with other agencies and programmes in the city and made every attempt to cater for genuinely needy people, while working to promote their independence.

In thanking Tony for his presentation, the Board decided that staff be asked to work with the group and to report back to a future meeting.