

14. POLICE REPORT

Inspector Barry Thackwell, Sergeant Richard James and Constable Greg Thomas attended and spoke to the petition referred to the Committee seeking increased policing of Colombo Street in respect to anti-social behaviour and inappropriate behaviour by young motorists.

Sergeant James spoke regarding the measures taken by beat police operating from Cathedral Square in respect to Colombo Street from the Square to Moorhouse Avenue and in particular the use of crime cameras and the likelihood of additional cameras being installed. He advised that some 4-8 constables would be on the beat on Friday and Saturday nights and that the worst offending seemed to occur from approximately 12.30am onwards.

Inspector Thackwell also spoke regarding the current blitz being undertaken by the Police in Colombo Street and the number of unroadworthy vehicles which had been apprehended.

The opportunity was taken to review the Police traffic accident statistics for the month ending July 2000.

It was **decided**:

1. That representations be made to the Minister of Police for additional resources for the Christchurch area to be available on a permanent basis to work with the Police to overcome problems in the central city area.
2. That the City Streets Manager report to the October meeting of the Committee on what practical measures could be introduced to discourage inappropriate behaviour by motorists in Tram Lane and Cathedral Square late at night by the installation of physical barriers etc.