

## 2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

### (a) **Simon Chambers, Neighbourhood Support Canterbury and John Reilly, Police District Commander for Canterbury**

John Reilly spoke to the Board regarding the history of Neighbourhood Support in New Zealand. It was originally set up by residents in Auckland, but the management of it was taken over by Police in 1986. It has now changed so that a national body is responsible for the management. The Police will have a supporting role. John considered that Fire Service, Civil Defence and District Health Boards could use the Neighbourhood Support network as a vehicle for their information. Simon Chambers stated that Neighbourhood Support is now an Incorporated Society, and has a memorandum of understanding with the Police. Mr Chambers stated there are 3,500 Neighbourhood Support groups in Canterbury, with 1,500 in Christchurch and 660 in the Shirley/Papanui wards. There is no national sponsor of Neighbourhood Support, so he was seeking funding of \$5,000 from each of the Boards. This funding would be to establish the co-ordinators role. They will also be approaching the Lotteries Grants and Pub charities for funding.

The chairperson requested a report from staff to come to next Board meeting regarding this request for funding.