18. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(a) MR BARRY FLEWELLEN

Mr Flewellen attended together with representatives from the Sydenham business community to express their concern at the continuing incidents of vandalism in Colombo Street. A representative from Armourguard, Mr Greg Mann, then spoke regarding the Streetwise programme in Wellington and explained that while the focus of this was street cleaning in the central business district it was a partnership approach with the Wellington City Council and the street cleaning staff acted as the "eyes and ears of the city" with a security role in addition to their cleaning duties. The Armourguard staff involved were linked to the Council and to the Police and could report issues as they arose.

The opportunity was taken to ask questions of Mr Flewellen and Mr Mann and in response to a question to Mr Flewellen whether he felt the business community would be willing to support a similar scheme in Christchurch financially Mr Flewellen indicated that he himself would be prepared to do so and felt that others would probably be as well especially in view of the fact that insurance on glass windows could now no longer be obtained.

The representations from Mr Flewellen and Sydenham business people were considered in conjunction with clause 34 of the agenda.