

18. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(c) MR R D HUGHES, NORTHWEST SUBDIVISION - ELECTRONIC SECURITY

Mr Hughes attended with Mr Thomson and addressed the Committee regarding the written request seeking approval from the Council for the installation of electronic security devices at the Northwood subdivision as detailed in the correspondence section of the agenda. Mr Hughes outlined the proposal and the beneficial effects which he considered this would have in ensuring that incidents of crime and property damage did not occur within the subdivision.

In response to questions from the Chairman he indicated that his company would be prepared to install the system at no cost and operate this for a period of probably 8-10 years at which time they would discuss with the community if they wished to take responsibility for its ongoing operation.

The opportunity was then taken to allow members to ask questions and Mr Hughes confirmed that the proposal did have the support of residents and that while he had suggested in his correspondence the Council may wish to take over responsibility in the long term it did not necessarily need to do so.

The Committee **decided** that a report be provided to the incoming Council on the issues involved in respect to formulating a policy for the whole of the city area on the installation of privately-funded security cameras.