

## 5. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

### (a) Colonel Martin Dransfield

Colonel Dransfield (Commander, Burnham Camp) previously addressed the Council (26 April) on the situation in East Timor. The Council had recommended that Colonel Dransfield meet with the Community Services Committee to discuss ways in which the Council could help the cause in East Timor.

Colonel Dransfield noted that national elections for a Constituent Assembly would be held on 30 August 2001. During the following months, decision-making and power would be transferred from the United Nations Transitional Administration to a democratically-elected East Timorese legislature.

A number of options for ways in which the Council could assist were discussed by the Committee, with the most pressing need being in the area of schools. The Committee **decided** any formal contract with East Timor should be made early next year, once election procedures had stabilised. In the meantime, staff were asked to prepare a more detailed report for the Committee on various options for assistance.