## 4. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

Mr Peter Nelligan, Rockgas Limited attended and spoke further to the correspondence considered at the May meeting of the committee concerning the use of LPG gas as an alternative fuel for public transport and council vehicles. Mr Nelligan emphasised that his company was not suggesting that all buses should be changed to LPG, but that it was appropriate in some circumstances by virtue of its quietness and fume free operation. In addition that some council vehicles, for example recycling trucks, could also run on LPG.

It was noted that the use of LPG in a trial involving an LPG cummins motor fitted to a bus had received acceptance from passengers but that this did involve higher capital and operating costs.

The opportunity was taken for questions and discussions and the Committee decided:

- 1. That the staff be asked to initiate informal discussion with Red Bus Limited on the issues involved with the use of LPG and in particular in relation to its use on the airport route and the economics of this with respect to any subsidy that might be required.
- 2. That Environment Canterbury be asked to meet with the Committee to discuss the issues raised regarding alternative fuels and tender processes and this be done via the Public Passenger Transport Working Party.
- 3. That the City Water and Waste Manager be asked to further investigate again the use of LPG for recycling vehicles in partnership with ONYX and report in due course.