

## 6. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

### (a) INSPECTOR DEREK ERASMUS, STRATEGIC TRAFFIC UNIT, NZ POLICE

Inspector Erasmus attended as the first of his three monthly meetings with the Committee, as previously agreed and the opportunity was taken for members to raise issues directly with him relating to:

- Police staffing levels in Christchurch.
- Street racing in Christchurch and adjacent rural areas.
- Speeding in Withells Road.

In respect to the above Councillor Wright queried current Police staffing levels in Christchurch and indicated that in a previous discussion with the Committee by the former District Commander, John Reilly, it had been indicated that Police staff levels were likely to be up to full establishment by Christmas 2001.

Inspector Erasmus confirmed that this was in fact not the current position but that he would raise the matter with the new District Commander, Sandi Manderson, to allow for a formal response to the Committee.

Councillors Sally Buck and Ingrid Stonhill raised the issue of street racing in Christchurch in particular in the McLeans Island, Chattertons Road area and it was agreed that the matter would be discussed further with Councillor Condon, Chairman of the Community and Leisure Committee, regarding a joint approach to Government to promote action on the Private Member's Bill proposed by Clayton Cosgrove MP.

Details of enforcement action taken against "boy racers" were also detailed in terms of the number of infringement notices issued over the last three monthly period by one of the STU groups.

In relation to speeding in Withells Road, Inspector Erasmus advised that traffic speeds on this road had been checked the preceding Friday and two tickets only issued during the day.

In addition it was noted that Christchurch City Council staff and Inspector Erasmus had met regarding Chattertons Road on the preceding Friday and a solution involving changes to the "Street Racing Bylaw" was currently being considered and would be reported back to the Committee.