

## 14. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee **received** the following correspondence:

### 14.1 ICENG - Worcester Street Bollards and East-West Shuttle Bus Route

Members received a copy of the correspondence from ICENG relating to the Bollards in Worcester Street and the provision of possible routes for an east-west shuttle bus service.

The Committee **decided** that the correspondence be referred to the Transport and City Streets Unit for consideration and reply.

### 14.2 Associate Minister of Transport Harry Duynhoven - Motor Vehicle Exhaust Noise

The Committee considered a reply from Hon Harry Duynhoven concerning the recent changes to the Land Transport rules in relation to exhaust systems.

The reply from the Minister was in response to correspondence to him from the Committee on 28 June 2004 as a result of a deputation by Mr Jonathan Gillard. The reply from the Minister noted that the rules had now been implemented containing the clauses about which the Committee had expressed concern, but that his Ministry was working to implement an objective noise test for incorporation in the rule in 2006.

The Committee **decided** to reply to the Minister stating that the current situation is unacceptable, pointing out the social problems arising from the noise tyranny being imposed by some (most young male) drivers who have fitted new mufflers made for the purpose of causing a 'racy' noise rather than suppressing noise and seeking:

- (a) The urgent adoption of an objective noise standard.
- (b) Regulatory means of enforcement capable of being applied at any time, including warrant of fitness checks.

It was further agreed that a copy of the reply to the Minister be forwarded to local MP's for their information.