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As resolved earlier by the Board a series of forums for public participation have recently been arranged, and this report lists for record purposes the hosting of these and the extent of input received by way of public contributions.

The first forum was that held for Neighbourhood Support Group co-ordinators on Wednesday 18 August. This was co-hosted by the Board and the Police and provided the opportunity for those attending to be thanked for their past, and ongoing, work in the community.

The opportunity was also taken during this forum to hold a workshop session to obtain input from the meeting on “issues/concerns”, and suggestions on how the Neighbourhood Support Groups could operate more effectively in the future.

The gathering comprised 39 co-ordinators, Police representatives, Board members and staff. Those members who were in attendance will, I am sure, agree that this was a most successful forum.

The second forum, for Community Groups etc was held on Tuesday 24 August.

Again, this was well supported with approximately 20 community groups in attendance and was held in a similar format to that of the first forum.

The contributions from both forums will now be summarised and submitted to the Community Action Plan Steering Committee for its ongoing deliberations.

A third forum scheduled to be held on Wednesday 25 August was cancelled because of a lack of numbers expressing a preference for this particular timing..

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

**Chairman’s**

**Recommendation:** That the foregoing recommendation be adopted.