


## 2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

### (b) Alison Allsop – Edgware Swimming Pool



Alison spoke to the Board regarding the plans for Edgware Swimming Pool. She stated her family used the pool in the summer months and that it was good for the community's wellbeing. She asked the Board if it was planned to close the pool and build a new leisure pool in the north-west of the city. She had read this in a local newspaper, and stated that there was a lack of information on the subject.

Graham Condon advised that there was no plan to close the suburban pools, but that it would have to be considered if a major fault arose. These pools need a lot of money spent on them as their physical structures are past their use by date. They are only open four months of the year, and with the new OSH and health regulations, keeping them open has become a very complex issue.

Ingrid Stonhill advised that there is strong debate within the Council on suburban pools, and that there is no policy that the Council will only support new leisure pools. There has been no consultation on the pools yet because discussion is ongoing. The opening hours of Edgware Pool are to be decided soon.

The Chairperson advised that Papanui want a pool and community facility in this area and that the process has been started to get this into the Council budget. She advised Alison to make submissions to the Council on the issue and thanked her for her input.