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Report to Environment Committee
from Mike Pryce, Manager, Harbours

Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws - Appointment of Enforcement Officers

1. Purpose

To appoint members of the Wellington Police Maritime Unit as enforcement officers for the purpose of enforcing the Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws.

2. Background

At its meeting on 20 November 2001, the Council resolved to apply to the Department of Internal Affairs to allow Infringement Notices to be issued for breaches of the Bylaws. The Local Government (Infringement Fees for Offences: Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws) Regulations 2002 were approved by the Governor General on 8 May 2002.

3. Comment

The Police Maritime Unit has assisted the Council for many years in controlling and regulating water activities as Honorary Launch Wardens. They have a regular presence on the harbour and are fair and reasonable in their approach to safety on the water.

The ability to issue infringement notices would complement their police role and assist Council promote the bylaws and safety within regional waters.

4. Recommendation

That the Committee recommend to Council that the following persons be appointed as Enforcement Officers under section 5.1.2 of the Wellington Regional Navigation and Safety Bylaws:

*Sergeant Campbell Trenwith
Constable John Bryant
Constable Andrew Cobden-Cox
Senior Constable Ross Lane
Constable David Martin
Constable David Houston
Senior Constable Barry Hart
Constable Michael Signal*

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