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Confirmation of Appointments

1. Purpose

To confirm and appoint officers to key statutory positions.

2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

3. Background

As part of the delegations review which has been undertaken over the past 12 months, officers have identified a number of key statutory appointments. Officers appointed to these roles are given significant powers directly from the statutes under which they are appointed. Officers consider that it is appropriate that Council review and confirm the appointments.

The appointments under consideration are:

1. Electoral officer
2. Regional On-scene Commander
3. Harbourmaster

Appointments under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 are made by the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group. These appointments were made by the Group earlier this year and are not considered further in this report.

4. Comment

1. **Electoral Officer**

The Electoral Officer is appointed under section 12 of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

At present Wayne Hastie is the Electoral Officer for Greater Wellington Regional Council.

Wayne Hastie's duties, as Electoral Officer, include conducting every election or poll that the Wellington Regional Council undertakes and declaring and certifying the results of that election or poll.

The duration of this appointment is set out in section 12(3) of the Local Electoral Act 2001. This subsection states:

An electoral officer, unless he or she dies, resigns, is dismissed from office, or becomes incapable of acting, remains in office until his or her successor comes into office.

2. **Regional On-scene Commander**

The Regional On-scene Commander is appointed under section 318 of the Maritime Transport Act 1994. Their role is to manage and coordinate the response of, and direct the use of the resources available to Greater Wellington in the event on a marine oil spill.

Currently Mike Pryce is the Regional On-scene Commander. Grant Nalder has been appointed to act as Regional On-scene Commander in Mike Pryce's absence.

These appointments endure while the above officers are employed by Greater Wellington in their current positions.

3. **Harbourmaster**

The appointment of a harbourmaster by a regional council is governed by section 650B of the Local Government Act 1974. The harbourmaster's primary role is to ensure navigational safety is maintained.

There is only one harbourmaster who has been appointed at present, Mike Pryce.

The harbourmaster has significant powers under legislation. It is important that we have another harbourmaster whose powers come into force in Mike Pryce's absence. Patrick Atwood has been identified as an officer who has the necessary skills and qualifications to assume the role of harbourmaster in Mike Pryce's absence.

These appointments endure while the above officers are employed by Greater Wellington in their current positions.

5. Communication

Officers appointed to these positions will be provided with Council's resolution as evidence of their appointment. These appointments will also be recorded in Greater Wellington's delegations' register.

6. Recommendations

That the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee recommend that Council:

1. **confirm** the appointment of Wayne Hastie as Electoral Officer for the Wellington Regional Council.
2. **confirm** the appointment of Mike Pryce as Harbourmaster for the Wellington Regional Council and Regional On-scene Commander.
3. **confirm** the appointment of Grant Nalder as Regional On-scene Commander in Mike Pryce's absence.
4. **appoint** Patrick Atwood as Harbourmaster for the Wellington Regional Council in Mike Pryce's absence.

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