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Committee Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee
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Appointment of Electoral Officer

1. Purpose

To appoint a new electoral officer for Greater Wellington.

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 and Comment

The Local Electoral Act 2001 (the “Act”) requires that “there must at all times be an electoral officer appointed by the local authority to exercise the powers and carry out the duties conferred on the electoral officer . . .”. The Act also states that the electoral officer cannot be the chief executive of the Council, unless the local authority is satisfied that no other course of action is reasonably practicable in the circumstances.

Greater Wellington’s current electoral officer is Wayne Hastie. He was appointed to this role in his capacity as the Council Secretary. As he is no longer in this role and the position of Council Secretary has been disestablished it is appropriate that Council now appoint a new electoral officer.

It is proposed that Amy Norrish be appointed as Greater Wellington’s electoral officer for the following reasons:

- The role of electoral officer fits best with the responsibilities and duties of the Council Secretariat.
- Amy Norrish has the required experience to take on such a role. She was the deputy electoral officer at the last triennial general elections for Greater Wellington and played a significant part in ensuring the elections were run successfully.

4. Communication

There are no matters in this report requiring further communication.

5. Recommendations

That the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee recommend that Council appoints Amy Norrish as Greater Wellington's electoral officer.

Report approved by:

Ian Buchanan
Council Chairman