
E-PETITION: REDUCE MOTORCYCLE THEFT

Summary

Primary Petitioner: Nick Johnstone
Total Signatures: 55

Presented by: Nick Johnstone

Recommendation

That the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Receive the information and thank the petitioner.

Background

1. Wellington City Council operates a system of e-petitions whereby people can conveniently and electronically petition the Council on matters related to Council business.
2. Nick Johnstone opened an e-petition on the Wellington City Council website on 7 September 2020.
3. The e-petition details are as follows:
4. Kia ora koutou, I would like the Council to consider options for improving the security of motorbikes parked in the Wellington CBD. One practical option is to install anchor points for locks in high risk parks, which could be done cost effectively by the Council's contractors.
5. The background information provided for the e-petition was:
6. Motorcycle theft is a serious and common issue in Wellington. It's common to see several motorcycles reported stolen on rider groups each week, usually taken in broad daylight from the CBD. Motorcycles are a low-emissions commuting option that have been shown to reduce congestion. I believe that investing in motorcycle infrastructure is a great way to Get Wellington Moving.
7. The e-petition closed on 7 October 2020 with 55 authenticated signatures. The list of authenticated signatures is presented as Attachment 1.

Officers' response

8. Motorcycling matters were raised in the recent consultations on the new parking policy. Primary concerns were seeking more spaces for motorcycle parking and requesting it remain free. Security issues were raised in a handful of submissions.
9. Officers do not have any data on the scale or location of this problem. This information will be sought from the Police.

10. If the data confirms that there is a significant problem, it would be appropriate to trial low cost solutions at hotspots.
11. Depending on the outcome of any trial, it may be appropriate to implement improved security measures when significant changes to parking management are implemented in areas identified as being of concern.

Attachments

Attachment 1. Authenticated Signatures - Reduce Motorcycle Theft

Author	Joe Hewitt, Team Leader Transport Strategy
Authoriser	Anna Blomquist, Acting Transport Planning Manager Liam Hodgetts, Chief Planning Officer

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Engagement and Consultation

No consultation has been undertaken prior to preparing this report.

Treaty of Waitangi considerations

There are no Treaty considerations.

Financial implications

There are currently no significant financial implications. Officers will consider costs and benefits of solutions if data obtained from the Police demonstrates significant problems.

Policy and legislative implications

There are none.

Risks / legal Considerations

There are none.

Climate Change impact and considerations

There are no significant considerations.

Communications Plan

We will thank the petitioner and request data from the Police.

Health and Safety Impact considered

There are none.