

REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2019 LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTIONS

Notice is given pursuant to section 19M of the Local Electoral Act 2001 that Hutt City Council (“the Council”) has conducted a review of representation arrangements for the 2019 local authority elections.

At a meeting held on 24 July 2018, the Council determined by resolution a proposal on its representation arrangements for the 2019 elections. This is the Council’s initial proposal and is now open for public submissions. We need your comments by 5.00pm on 3 September 2018.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

It is proposed that:

- the Mayor will be elected at large.
- the Council will comprise 12 Councillors with two Councillors to be elected from each of six wards.

The names, boundaries and number of Councillors for each of the wards are set out below:

Proposed ward name	Boundaries	No. of Councillors
Northern Ward	The existing boundary of the Northern Ward including Tawhai, Holborn, Delaney and Manuka area units (Stokes Valley) and the Taita South, Taita North area units	Two
Eastern Ward	The existing boundary of the Eastern Ward including the Naenae North, Naenae South, Epuni East, Waiwhetu North and Waterloo East area units	Two
Western Ward	The existing boundary of the Western Ward including the Normandale, Maungaraki, Belmont, Kelson, Tirohanga, Haywards-Manor Park, Melling and Alicetown area units plus all of Wakefield St, Alicetown	Two
Central Ward	The existing boundary of the Central Ward including the Avalon East, Avalon West, Boulcott, Hutt Central, Woburn North, Waterloo West, Epuni West area units	Two
Wainuiomata Ward	The existing boundary of the Wainuiomata Ward including the Fernlea, Homedale West, Glendale, Homedale East, Parkway, Arakura and Pencarrow area units	Two

Proposed ward name	Boundaries	No. of Councillors
Harbour Ward	The existing boundary of the Harbour Ward including the Korokoro, Petone Central, Esplanade, Eastbourne, Moera, Waiwhetu South, Gracefield and Wilford, area units	Two

POPULATION PER COUNCILLOR¹

Western - 1:8300

Harbour - 1: 9540

Northern - 1:8050

Central - 1:8550

Eastern - 1:8775

Wainuiomata - 1:9225

Total - 1:8725 (average for city)

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 requires that the population of each ward, divided by the number of Councillors to be elected by that ward, produces a figure no more than 10% greater or smaller than the population of the city divided by the total number of Councillors. This proposal satisfies this requirement.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

The Council considers that the existing ward structure provides for fair and effective representation of all communities of interest across the City. The Council also considers that any representation arrangements for communities of interest across the City must be equitable.

It is therefore proposed that the existing second tier representation arrangements, three elected Community Board and four Community Panels, remain. The names, boundaries and number of Ward Community Panels members are set out below:

¹ The population figures used are the estimated resident population as at 30 June 2017 provided by the Statistics NZ.

Proposed community name	Boundaries	No. of members
Northern Community Panel	The existing boundary of the Northern Ward including Tawhai, Holborn, Delaney and Manuka area units (Stokes Valley) and the Taita South, Taita North area units	Six – four appointed community members and two Councillors
Eastern Community Panel	The existing boundary of the Eastern Ward including the Naenae North, Naenae South, Epuni East, Waiwhetu North and Waterloo East area units	Six – four appointed community members and two Councillors
Western Community Panel	The existing boundary of the Western Ward including the Normandale, Maungaraki, Belmont, Kelson, Tirohanga, Haywards-Manor Park, Melling and Alicetown area units plus all of Wakefield St, Alicetown	Seven – five appointed community members and two Councillors
Central Community Panel	The existing boundary of the Central Ward including the Avalon East, Avalon West, Boulcott, Hutt Central, Woburn North, Waterloo West, Epuni West area units	Seven – five appointed community members and two Councillors
Petone Community Board	The existing boundary of the Harbour Ward including the Korokoro, Petone Central, Esplanade, , Moera, Waiwhetu South, Gracefield and Wilford, area units	Eight – six elected members and two Councillors
Eastbourne Community Board	Eastbourne area unit	Seven – five elected members and two Councillors
Wainuiomata Community Board	The existing boundary of the Wainuiomata Ward including the Fernlea, Homedale West, Glendale, Homedale East, Parkway, Arakura and Pencarrow area units	Eight – six elected members and two Councillors

COMPARISON WITH CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS

The proposal makes no changes to the current representation arrangements.

RIGHT OF INSPECTION AND PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

Copies of the proposal and plans showing the ward and community boundaries are available for public inspection on the Hutt City Council website www.huttcity.govt.nz or by visiting the following locations during opening hours:

- Customer Service Centre, Main Council Building, 30 Laings Rd, Lower Hutt
- Petone Community Library, Britannia Street, Petone
- Moera Community Library, Randwick Road, Moera
- Walter Nash, Community Hub, Taita
- Eastbourne Community Library, Rimu Street, Eastbourne
- Wainuiomata Community Library, Queen Street, Wainuiomata
- Naenae Community Library, Hillary Court, Naenae
- Koraunui Stokes Valley Community Hub, Scott Court, Stokes Valley

For any further information please call 570 6666 during normal business hours.

Any person may make a written submission on the Council's proposed representation arrangements. Submissions should be addressed to Representation Review, Hutt City Council, Private Bag 31912, Lower Hutt (or faxed to 569 4290) and must be received no later than 5.00pm on 3 September 2018. A final decision will be made at a Council meeting in early October 2018. Submitters are asked to please indicate in their submission whether they wish to be heard.

PROCEDURE AFTER CLOSE OF SUBMISSIONS

After considering submissions, Council must decide whether or not it will amend its proposed representation arrangements. The Council's final representation proposal will be publicly notified and members of the public may lodge an appeal or objection. If the Council receives any appeals or objections then the Local Government Commission must determine the Council's representation arrangements.

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