

Notice is hereby given that an extraordinary meeting of Horowhenua District Council will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 11 July 2018
Time: 4.00 pm
Meeting Room: Council Chambers
Venue: 126-148 Oxford St
Levin

Council OPEN AGENDA

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1 Apologies

2 Public Participation

Public Participation will not be available as this is a procedural item.

3 Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of the items on this Agenda.

4 Confirmation of Minutes – 4 July 2018

6 Announcements

Representation Review for the 2019/2022 Local Body Elections: Final Proposal

File No.: 18/383

1. Purpose

For the Horowhenua District Council to consider the public submissions received to its Initial Proposal for the 2018 representation arrangements review, and to resolve a Final Proposal for further public notification.

2. Executive Summary

2.1 The Local Electoral Act 2001 requires the Council to complete a representation arrangements review (review of membership, wards, boundaries etc) in 2018, effective for the 2019 and 2022 triennial elections.

2.2 Current representation arrangements:

- for the Council: the Mayor (elected at large) and 10 Councillors (elected from four Wards – 2 from Kere Kere, 1 from Miranui, 5 from Levin and 2 from Waiopahu);
- one Community Board (Foxton) with 5 Community Board Members elected at large from the Foxton Community and 1 of the Kere Kere Ward Councillors appointed to the Board.

One Ward (Kere Kere) does not comply with the fair representation criteria (+/-10% rule).

2.3 Following consideration of the feedback from its preliminary informal consultation, two workshops (one for the Council and one for the Foxton Community Board), a community Hui, and a Discussion Document developed by officers containing seven options, the Council, at its meeting on 10 April 2018, resolved to adopt an Initial Proposal of the status quo option for the Council: the Mayor (elected at large) and 10 Councillors (elected from four Wards – 2 from Kere Kere, 1 from Miranui, 5 from Levin and 2 from Waiopahu); and not to retain the Foxton Community Board.

One Ward (Kere Kere) does not comply with the fair representation criteria (+/-10% rule).

2.4 Following public notice of the Initial Proposal and a one-month submission period during which a public meeting was held in Foxton, 104 submissions were received including a petition with 358 individual names some of whom also made a submission.

- 74 submissions (71.2%) supported the status quo proposal for the Council;
- 18 Submissions (17.3%) opposed the status quo proposal for the Council;
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- 15 submissions (14.4%) supported the proposal not to retain the Foxton Community Board;
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- 3 submissions (2.9%) either did not express a view or were not clear to determine.

2.5 The Council heard from 16 submitters some of whom provided supplementary written advice at Hearings held on 6 July 2018 and is now required to consider the submissions and resolve to either confirm or amend its Initial Proposal and give public notice of the Final Proposal.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That Report 18/383 Representation Review for the 2019/2022 Local Body Elections: Final Proposal be received.
- 3.2 That this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- 3.3 That the Horowhenua District Council (Council) considers the submissions received on the Council's representation arrangements.
- 3.4 That, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001, Council confirms as its Final Proposal for the Representation Review for the local election to be held in 2019 and subsequent elections until altered by a subsequent decision, the following:
- That the Council comprise 10 Councillors elected from four Wards, and the Mayor elected at large;
 - That the Council retain the existing Ward names of Kere Kere, Miranui, Levin and Waiopahu;
 - That the proposed boundaries of the four Wards remain as they at present and as shown on the attached map (Attachment 1);
 - That the population each Ward will represent will be as follows:

Wards	General Electoral Population	Number of councillors per constituency	Population per councillor	Deviation from district average population per councillor	% deviation from district average population per councillor
Kere Kere	5,780	2	2,890	-356	-10.96
Miranui	3,080	1	3,080	-166	-5.11
Levin	16,950	5	3,390	144	4.44
Waiopahu	6,650	2	3,325	79	2.43
Total	32,460	10	3,246		

The Council acknowledges that the Kere Kere Ward percentage deviation of 10.96% is outside that permitted by section 19 V (2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and that the Council will seek an exemption from the Local Government Commission.

- That the Foxton Community Board not be retained.

The reasons for the Council decision are as follows:

- the total number of Councillors is proposed to remain at 10 (plus the Mayor) and will continue to provide effective representation to Horowhenua residents and ratepayers;
- the size of the Council is appropriate for the conduct of the Council's business;
- the existing Ward structure is well understood by electors and the Council is satisfied that the Ward structure will continue to provide effective representation for distinct communities of interest;
- altering the boundaries of the Kere Kere Ward to make it compliant would limit effective representation of communities of interest by dividing a community of interest between Wards; and
- the relatively minor non-compliance in the Kere Kere Ward will self-correct in the near future if growth occurs as predicted in the Council's draft Growth Strategy.
- Whilst there is support for the Community Board within Foxton and Foxton Beach townships and immediate surrounds, there is also some support in other parts of the District for the Council's proposal not to retain a Community Board in Foxton;
- Supporters for the retention of the Foxton Community Board cite protection of the Foxton Beach Fund as a reason whereas the Council retains full responsibility for use of the Fund (and always has) and there is formal protection in the form of legislation;

- There are costs associated with a community board that are significantly higher than those associated with supporting community voluntary progressive and ratepayer associations that are equally successful in their relationships with the Council;
- Other communities within Horowhenua have democratically established community committees (in the form of progressive or ratepayer associations) and they are as effective in communicating with the Council as the Community Board;
- As the Horowhenua District grows, the Council is recognising its role in enabling community-led development to help all of its communities to respond to change and growth.

- 3.6 That as one of the proposed Wards (Kere Kere) in the Final Proposal is non-compliant with the fair representation requirements (+/- 10% rule), the Proposal must therefore be treated as an appeal under section 19V (5) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 and referred to the Local Government Commission following the appeal/objection period.
- 3.7 That the Final Proposal be publicly notified on 18 July 2018 providing the opportunity for appeals and objections to be lodged in the period 18 July to 17 August 2018.
- 3.8 That the Council agrees that the wording of the reasons for the Council's decision, and its acceptance or rejection of submissions received on the Council's Initial Proposal, as required under section 19N(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, be approved by the Council's Group Manager - Corporate Services.

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- (e) That there be one Community Board in Horowhenua District and that be for the Foxton Community, and
- the name of the Board be the Foxton Community Board;
 - the Foxton Community Board comprise of five members elected 'at large' and one (**OR** two) appointed member(s) being (one of) the elected councillors for the Kere Kere Ward;
 - the proposed boundaries of the Foxton Community Board remain as they at present and as shown on the attached map (Attachment 2)
- OR**
be extended as proposed on the attached map as recommended by the Foxton Community Board (Attachment 3).

3.5 That the reasons for the Council's decision are as follows:

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- the size of the council is appropriate for the conduct of the Council's business;
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- the relatively minor non-compliance in the Kere Kere Ward will self-correct in the near future if growth occurs as predicted in the Council's draft Growth Strategy.
- The submissions from the Foxton and Foxton Beach townships and immediate area indicate strong support for the retention of the Foxton Community Board;
- Whilst the Council retains full responsibility for use of the Fund (and always has) and there is formal protection in the form of legislation, the community has a strong view that the Foxton Community Board have influence over the use of funds and their oversight provides additional protection;
- The costs associated with a community board are regarded by the community as less significant than the Council expressed in the Initial Proposal particularly when compared with the benefits that the whole District reaps from the projects funded from the Foxton Fund;

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4. Background

4.1 The Local Electoral Act 2001 (LEA) requires every local authority to undertake a review of their representation arrangements at least once every six years. The Horowhenua District Council's last review occurred in 2012, with this next review required in 2018, effective for the 2019 and 2022 triennial elections.

4.2 The current representation arrangements, in addition to the Mayor elected at large, are 10 Councillors elected from four Wards, and 5 Community Board Members

5. Principles of the Representation Review

5.1 In undertaking a representation arrangements review, the following key principles must be considered:

- communities of interest
- effective representation
- fair representation (+/- 10% rule).

6 Communities of Interest

The Horowhenua District area consists of a number of communities of interest, with four identified groups of communities being:

- the Kere Kere Ward (the townships of Foxton and Foxton Beach, and surrounding rural areas);
- the Levin Ward (the town of Levin);
- the Miranui Ward (the townships of Shannon and Tokomaru, and surrounding rural areas); and
- the Waiopahu Ward (the townships of Waitarere Beach, Hokio Beach, Ohau, Waikawa Beach and Manakau, and the surrounding rural areas).

7 Effective Representation

The current number of Councillors representing the District is 10. This number is considered appropriate and has been confirmed from feedback received from both the preliminary informal consultation and the formal consultation on the Initial Proposal.

8 Fair representation

- 8.1 The requirement that the average number of resident population per Councillor should not exceed +/-10% must be considered when undertaking a representation review, although there is some legislative leeway outside of this range if compliance would effectively split a community of interest or join together two quite different communities of interest.
- 8.2 The latest population estimates (as at 30 June 2017) confirm that for 10 councillors, one of the current Wards does not comply with the +/- 10% rule. The Kere Kere Ward percentage deviation of -10.96% is outside that permitted by section 19 V (2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

9 Initial Proposal

9.1 The Council at its meeting on 10 April 2018 considered seven options for the Council:

- Option 1 (status quo): 10 Councillors (plus the Mayor) elected from the current four Wards;
- Option 2 (amend the boundary of the Kere Kere Ward so that it complies with the fair representation formula): 10 Councillors (plus the Mayor) elected from the four Wards (with slightly modified boundaries for two of them);
- Option 3 (increase the number of Councillors from 10 to 11): 11 councillors (plus the Mayor) with the additional Councillors to come from the Levin Ward;
- Option 4 (reduce the number of Wards from 4 to 3 by combining the Kere Kere and Miranui Wards): 10 Councillors elected from three Wards (Kere Kere/Miranui with 3, Levin with 5, and Waiopahu with 2);
- Option 5 (reduce the number of Wards to 2 by combining all three rural Wards): 10 Councillors elected from two Wards (Rural Horowhenua Ward with 5 and Levin with 5);
- Option 6 (elections at large): 10 Councillors elected at large; and
- Option 7 (mix of elections at large and Wards): 10 Councillors with 4 elected at large and 6 elected from the existing Wards (Kere Kere 1, Miranui 1, Levin 3, and Waiopahu 1).

- 9.2 All seven options included an option to either retain the Foxton Community Board or not to retain the Foxton Community Board. Should the option to retain the Foxton Community Board have been decided for the Initial Proposal further decisions needed to be made about the name of the Board, the boundaries of the Board, the number of elected and the number of appointed Members to the Board.
- 9.3 Council resolved to adopt Option 1 (the status quo for the Council) and to not retain the Foxton Community Board as its Initial Proposal. Specifically “to adopt as its Initial Proposal for the review of representation arrangements:
- Horowhenua District Council comprise of 10 Councillors elected under the Ward system, plus the Mayor elected at large;
 - Horowhenua District Council be divided into four Wards, these being:
 - the Kere Kere Ward (the townships of Foxton and Foxton Beach, and surrounding rural areas) with 2 Councillors;
 - the Levin Ward (the town of Levin) with 5 Councillors;
 - the Miranui Ward (the townships of Shannon and Tokomaru, and surrounding rural areas) with 1 Councillor; and
 - the Waiopahu Ward (the townships of Waitarere Beach, Hokio Beach, Ohau, Waikawa Beach and Manakau, and the surrounding rural areas) with 2 Councillors; and
 - the Foxton Community Board not be retained.
- 9.4 The reasons for the Council's decision were as follows:
- the total number of Councillors is proposed to remain at 10 (plus the Mayor) and will continue to provide effective representation to Horowhenua residents and ratepayers;
 - the size of the Council is appropriate for the conduct of the Council's business;
 - the existing Ward structure is well understood by electors and the Council is satisfied that the Ward structure will continue to provide effective representation for distinct communities of interest;
 - altering the boundaries of the Kere Kere Ward to make it compliant would limit effective representation of communities of interest by dividing a community of interest between wards;
 - the relatively minor non-compliance in the Kere Kere Ward will self-correct in the near future if growth occurs as predicted in the Council's draft Growth Strategy;
 - the Council considered that whilst there was support for the continuation of the Foxton Community Board in 2012, and that some of that support continues, there has been considerable change since that time and many in the community considered that the Community Board should not be retained;
 - other communities within Horowhenua have democratically established community committees that are as effective in communicating with the Council as the Community Board;
 - the demographics of the community have changed with Horowhenua now growing and becoming more diverse. The majority view is that many of the reasons for the Community Board when it was established in 1989, including political reasons, no longer exist. Changes have continued to evolve since the last review in 2012;
 - currently the costs of the Community Board are funded from a targeted rate across the District;
 - the indirect costs, which include staff and administration support, are approximately \$150k to \$160k per year. Direct costs are approximately \$55k per year (\$330k over the next 6 years);
 - there is some misunderstanding about the Foxton Beach Freeholding Account (aka Foxton Beach Endowment Fund) – to remove any doubt in the community, the Council has always retained the decision making on matters relating to this Fund and will continue to do so;
 - the current arrangements are that the Community Board has five (5) elected Board members for the Foxton community which has a population of 4,640. This population is included within the Kere Kere Ward and is also represented by two elected councillors. The Council considers that this community is significantly over represented compared to the rest of the District at 1:3,246 and the national average of about 1:6,700; and,
 - the voting turnout at the 2013 and 2016 elections show that there was a slight decline in turnout in voting for the Foxton Community Board (as there was for the whole District) yet the voter turnout in the Kere Kere Ward increased slightly. The Local Government Commission in determinations throughout the country has previously noted, in cases where the turnout in the

community board elections was higher than district wide, that this emphasises support for the community board. In Horowhenua, recent election results do not support that notation.

- 9.5 The above Initial Proposal was submitted for formal public consultation, including inviting submissions in the period 2 May to 6 June 2018.

10 Submissions received

10.1 During the submission period, 104 submissions were received, notably:

- Most were received from individuals. Some (possibly 5) were received from groups or organisations. It was not clear from some whether they were from individuals or organisations;
- The Foxton Community Board submission included a petition with 358 individual names some of whom also made a submission;
 - 74 submissions (71.2%) supported the status quo proposal for the Council;
 - 18 Submissions (17.3%) opposed the status quo proposal for the Council;
 - 12 Submissions (11.5%) did not express a view either way
 - 15 submissions (14.4%) supported the proposal not to retain the Foxton Community Board;
 - 86 submissions (82.7%) - and the petition with 242 names, opposed the proposal not to retain the Foxton Community Board;
 - 3 submissions (2.9%) either did not express a view or were not clear to determine.

10.2 Twenty seven submitters requested the opportunity to be heard by the Council in support of their submissions. Nineteen confirmed their availability for the Hearings and 16 presented at the Hearings held on 4 July 2018.

10.3 In summary:

- the Initial Proposal for the Council was supported by those making submissions;
- the Initial Proposal to not retain the Foxton Community Board was not supported by those making submissions.

11 Analysis of Submissions

11.1 An analysis of submissions has been undertaken and summarised. There are a total of 104 submissions which includes late submissions for which the Council agreed to accept under the Late Submissions Policy.

11.2 All submissions from the Horowhenua District:

- 74 submissions (71.2%) supported the status quo proposal for the Council;
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11.3 **Petition (initiated by the Foxton Community Board):**

Total number of names/signatures	362	
Less duplicates	4	
Total	358	

It was noted that some signatories to the petition also made a submission.

Apart from picking up and confirming a small number of duplicates, the petition was not analysed further (no addresses checked, no check against the electoral roll, and there was no requirement to do so).

11.4 Initial Proposal for Council – Status Quo

74 (71.2%) support the Council proposal, 18 (17.3%) did not support the Council's proposal

In support: most thought the numbers were about right, seemed fair, good cross section, good balance, keep Ward system

Opposed: want STV, too many Councillors, prefer elections at large, Ward system not working, imbalance of voters across the wards, introduce a Maori Ward

11.5 Initial Proposal for Community Board – Not retain the Foxton Community Board

15 (14.4%) support the Council proposal, 86 (82.7%) did not support the Council's proposal

In support: if the 'Fund' is the reason to keep the Board it should be restricted to Foxton Beach only, Board is too costly, Foxton over-represented, community committee structure works well, anomaly in the District and no longer relevant, resent having to subsidise Foxton in rates

Opposed: encourage more community boards in the district, needed to keep the Councillors hands off the community funds (guardians of the Fund), lose community voice, Board has more authority than a community committee, elected Board is answerable to the people, represents the Foxton Beach community interests, pays for developments the Council would be expected to pay for (or go without), doing a great job, fully functional Board is vital to the administration of the District, needed as a democratic and local voice, need community representation, lose the Board and lose gravitas, value in community boards to support community governance, Foxton would be seriously disadvantaged without the Board, important role monitoring the Council, local meetings, members available locally all the time, historical reasons for having a Board remain valid, developments in Foxton attributable to the Board, no confidence in the current Council, needed to grow Foxton to its true potential, Board is a great asset to the Council, need better representation not less, clearly a successful lobby group, strongly support the retention of the Board

General: many commented about the wording of the Initial Proposal in relation to not retaining the Foxton Community Board. Care was taken when doing the analysis to ensure that the intentions of the submitter were faithfully recorded.

11.6 Key themes from the consultation:

- No change to the Council structure, Ward system and numbers;
- No community boards in the District;
- Heavy support from the Foxton community to retain the Foxton Community Board;
- If the Foxton Community Board is retained there was some support for additional community boards in the District (see further information below under Additional Community Boards)
- Support also for community organisations such as progressive and ratepayer associations (a Community Led Development Approach – see below)
 - Statutory process may impede a community led initiative;

- There will be costs associated with this initiative and they will likely grow as the development evolves and any duplication of those costs are unnecessary;
- The Council has a relationship with a number of Ratepayer Groups and Community Organisations (refer below to existing Ratepayer Groups and Progressive Associations)
- Foxtton Beach Freeholding Account (Foxtton Beach Endowment Fund);
 - Concerns expressed about trust if the Foxtton Beach Community Board does not exist
 - There is a requirement to consult with the public under legislation
 - The Fund has statutory protection;
 - There is some misconception in the community that the role of the Foxtton Community Board with respect to the Fund includes guardianship and administration. The Board has an advocacy or advisory role; Council is directly responsible for the fund.

11.7 A Community Led Development Approach

As the Horowhenua District grows, Council is recognising its role in enabling community-led development to help communities respond to change and growth, which:

- Encourages community leadership
- Builds resilience, including emergency preparedness
- Mobilises local community action, effort and potential to tackle complex community issues like family violence, high debt levels, and vulnerable children
- Encourages smarter use of resources and resource-sharing
- Encourages self-responsibility
- Sees community groups ‘partnering’ with Council
- Is agile.

Drivers for supporting community-led development

There are strong drivers for both the Council and the community to support community-led development which includes the following Council drivers:

- A respectful approach which complements Council’s partnership with Iwi
- Supports democratic engagement
- Informs planning and provides a model for post LTP engagement
- Provides a place-based approach in line with Council’s role.

And Community drivers:

- Enables working together for the environment and to respond to issues such as climate change
- Leverages opportunities from significant projects such as O2NL
- Enables advocacy and influence for planning and resourcing
- Builds community, connectedness and resilience

Community-Led Development provides a framework for acting on what matters locally. It’s an approach that empowers local people to work collectively with one another and with other groups and organisations that have a stake or role in that place. It’s a place-based development approach that’s built around five core practice principles:

1. Shared local visions drive action and change
2. Using existing strengths and assets
3. Many people, groups and sectors working together
4. Building diverse and collaborative local leadership
5. Working adaptively, learning informs planning and action

(Inspiring Communities NZ)

Some examples of community-led development supported by councils from around the country include:

- Kāpiti Coast District Council facilitated a community-led process to support the Waikanae Beach community which was experiencing fast-paced change due to the Expressway: <https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/Our-District/Our-Community/Waikanae-beach>
- The Manawatu District Council Community Committees enable community voice and provide a budget for community projects. The Community Committees Policy is available: [http://www.mdc.govt.nz/Forms Documents/Policies/Community Committees Policy](http://www.mdc.govt.nz/Forms_Documents/Policies/Community_Committees_Policy)
- Hastings District Council Community Planning provides another model. The 'Making Magic' video is really interesting: <https://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hastings/community-development/community-planning/>
- Inspiring Communities provides a range of case studies of work around the country, most of which local councils have contributed to: <http://inspiringcommunities.org.nz/>

Council's Community Development Team have a strong vision for supporting a Community Led Development approach for the Horowhenua District and are beginning to forge strong relationships with various groups to give effect to such. By fostering these relationships with community groups, the Community Development Team can work across Council engaging appropriate officers with the various community groups as and when required.

11.8 Existing Ratepayer Groups and Progressive Associations

Across the district there are existing Ratepayer / Progressive Associations and representative Groups who work to advocate for the community. Many of these examples

- Grey Power Horowhenua
- Horowhenua District Ratepayers & Residents Association
- Shannon Progressive Association
- Waikawa Beach Ratepayers Association
- Waitarere Beach Progressive & Ratepayers Association
- Manakau District Community Association
- Hokio Beach Progressive Association
- Mangaore Village Residents Association
- Tokomaru Village and Community Association
- Federated Farmers
- Foxton Beach Progressive Associated (newly formed)

11.9 Support for Additional Community Boards

It was raised at the Hearing that there is support for additional community boards within the District in order to provide additional advocacy and representation for the particular community of interest.

Western Bay of Plenty District Council is an example of a district where there are five community boards. Each community board is made up of four members and two councillors.

Direct costs for the five boards for the 2017/18 financial year are \$418,959. The board costs are funded through a targeted rate across the community of benefit. This equates to approximately \$84k for each community board per year. In addition there are (indirect) costs associated with officer time to support these boards.

12 Conclusion

The analysis would suggest that nothing significant came out of the consultation process that would give cause for Council to change its initial proposal and the reasons supporting that, however that is a matter for Council to consider.

What is important in this context is the emerging 'Community Led Development' approach, which is successful in sectors of the community already. Care should be taken so as to avoid duplication in this space.

The Council is now required to consider the submissions received and either adopt the Initial Proposal as its Final Proposal or amend it.

Attachments

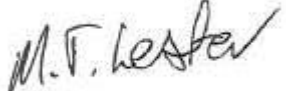
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Confirmation of statutory compliance

In accordance with section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002, this report is approved as:

- a. containing sufficient information about the options and their benefits and costs, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and,
- b. is based on adequate knowledge about, and adequate consideration of, the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.

Signatories

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