

## **2021 REPRESENTATION REVIEW - DECISION ON INITIAL PROPOSAL – COUNCIL MEETING 26 AUGUST 2021**

*We expect these minutes from the 26 August 2021 Council Meeting will be formally confirmed at the next Council Meeting on 30 September 2021 and published to Council's website in the normal manner shortly thereafter.*

### **RESOLUTION CO2021/52**

**Moved: Mayor K Gurunathan**

**Seconded: Cr Angela Buswell**

That the Council:

1. Agree, in accordance with sections 19H and 19J of the Local Electoral Act 2001, to adopt its initial proposal for the review of its representation arrangements for at least the 2022 triennial elections as follows:
  - 1.1. Kāpiti Coast District Council to comprise of the mayor elected at large and ten councillors, specifically five councillors elected to wards and five councillors elected district-wide.
  - 1.2. Kāpiti Coast District Council be divided into three wards, these being:
    - 1.2.1. **Kāpiti ki te Raki / Northern Ward** (one ward councillor), the proposed boundaries and of which are shown at Appendix 1.
    - 1.2.2. **Kāpiti ki Waenga / Central Ward** (three ward councillors), the proposed boundaries and of which are shown at Appendix 1.
    - 1.2.3. **Kāpiti ki te Tonga / Southern Ward** (one ward councillor), the proposed boundaries and of which are shown at Appendix 1.
2. Notes that the current Ōtaki, Waikanae, Paraparaumu-Raumati and Paekākāriki Community Boards are not included in the representation arrangements set out in the initial proposal.
3. Notes the following in relation to the initial proposal:
  - 3.1. the total number of councillors will remain at 10 with a mixed representation model, comprising five ward councillors and five district-wide councillors, plus the mayor, to provide effective representation for Kāpiti Coast District.
  - 3.2. the reasons for the change in the number of wards and ward boundary changes are to better reflect the district's communities of interest and to provide fairer representation (specifically in relation to the Kāpiti ki te Raki / Northern Ward and Kāpiti ki Waenga / Central Ward).
  - 3.3. the reasons that the initial proposal does not include community boards is because Kāpiti Coast District Council is satisfied that the existing communities of interest are represented by the proposed ward structure, and that there are alternative ways to maintain and strengthen local community representation within Kāpiti Coast District Council structures.
  - 3.4. as the Kāpiti ki te Raki / Northern Ward is non-complaint with the fair representation (+/-10% rule), if the initial proposal is confirmed by Council as its final proposal, the proposal must be automatically referred to the Local Government Commission for a binding determination under section 19V(5) of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

- 3.5. that in accordance with section 19Y(1) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 if no submissions are received on the initial proposal, then this proposal must become the final proposal.
4. Agree that the above initial proposal be submitted for formal public consultation, including inviting submissions from 1 September 2021 to 4 October 2021.
5. Resolve to establish a representation review editorial committee constituting the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr McCann and Cr Handford with the delegated authority to approve the consultation material ahead of the public notice on 1 September 2021.

For: Mayor Gurnathan, Crs Janet Holborow, Angela Buswell, James Cootes, Martin Halliday, Sophie Handford and Robert McCann

Against: Crs Jackie Elliott, Gwynn Compton, Jocelyn Prvanov and Bernie Randall

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