

1 October 2021

**Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: OIR 2122-82**

Thank you for your information request, which we received on 19 September 2021 for the following:

*I have a question about the options for community boards.*

*Cnr Cootes in a facebook post yesterday on Sunny Otaki said that there are options in which boards could continue to exist. On the website and response form, it looked like the only question was to remove community boards or not.*

- 1. If there are options being considered under the "retain" option, can you please send me through a link so that I can provide feedback?*

*The response from Council is relevant to the public consultation - if the Council is considering several options to retain boards, other than the proposal to remove boards, then I'm seeking notice of what those options are so that I can respond in my submission.*

*If there are not several options to retain, then I'll restrict comments only to the proposal to remove community boards (or not).*

**Council response regarding your request**

At a briefing on 29 June 2021 Council discussed four options which explored different ward size, number and mix of councillors and treatment of community boards. The slides from this briefing are available on our website [Representation review 2021 - Kāpiti Coast District Council \(kapiticoast.govt.nz\)](https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/representation-review-2021) – under the headings: **The journey so far – Elected members briefings to date – 29 June 2021.**

Following this, the four options were narrowed down to one option to put out for public consultation to seek community feedback on. As you are aware, this initial proposal does not include community boards as part of the model. Instead, this proposal focuses on encouraging a more direct connection between councillors and the communities they serve and different initiatives to support this.

One of the areas of the proposal Council is currently seeking feedback on is whether people agree with the removal of community boards and any comments they would like to make about them. The submissions received will be reviewed by Council and considered as they develop their final proposal for adoption at the Council Meeting on 11 November.

Submissions are open until **5:00pm next Monday 4 October** and can be made in a number of ways:

- Online - [Have Your Say | Kāpiti Coast \(kapiticoast.govt.nz\)](https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/have-your-say)
- By email to [representation.review@kapiticoast.govt.nz](mailto:representation.review@kapiticoast.govt.nz)
- Hard copy consultation documents and submission boxes are in each of Council's services centres and libraries across the district

Ngā mihi



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