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REPRESENTATION REVIEW 2024

PRELIMINARY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Briefing - 23 April 2024

Purpose of session

- Discuss recent Government announcements in relation to Māori wards and impacts on representation review underway
- Provide a summary of the preliminary community engagement undertaken
 - Approach, Activities and Key Conversations
 - Results of Engagement
- Discuss next steps in the process

Government's announcement - what we know so far

Option 1:

Continue with the establishing a Māori ward at the next local body elections in 2025.

This option would mean that a Māori ward councillor would be elected at the 2025 local body elections and a poll would be required to be held at the same time as the elections to determine whether the Māori ward would still be in place at the 2028 local body elections. If the poll outcome was to disestablish the ward again, a further representation review would be required in 2027.

If the poll outcome was to retain the Māori ward no further review would be required in 2027.

Option 2:

Rescind the decision to establish a Māori ward

This option would mean that a Māori ward councillor would not be elected at the 2025 local body elections and a poll would not be required to be held at the next elections.

As part of this option, Council would then have to decide whether to:

A

Cease the current representation review process underway and revert back to the existing representation arrangements

B

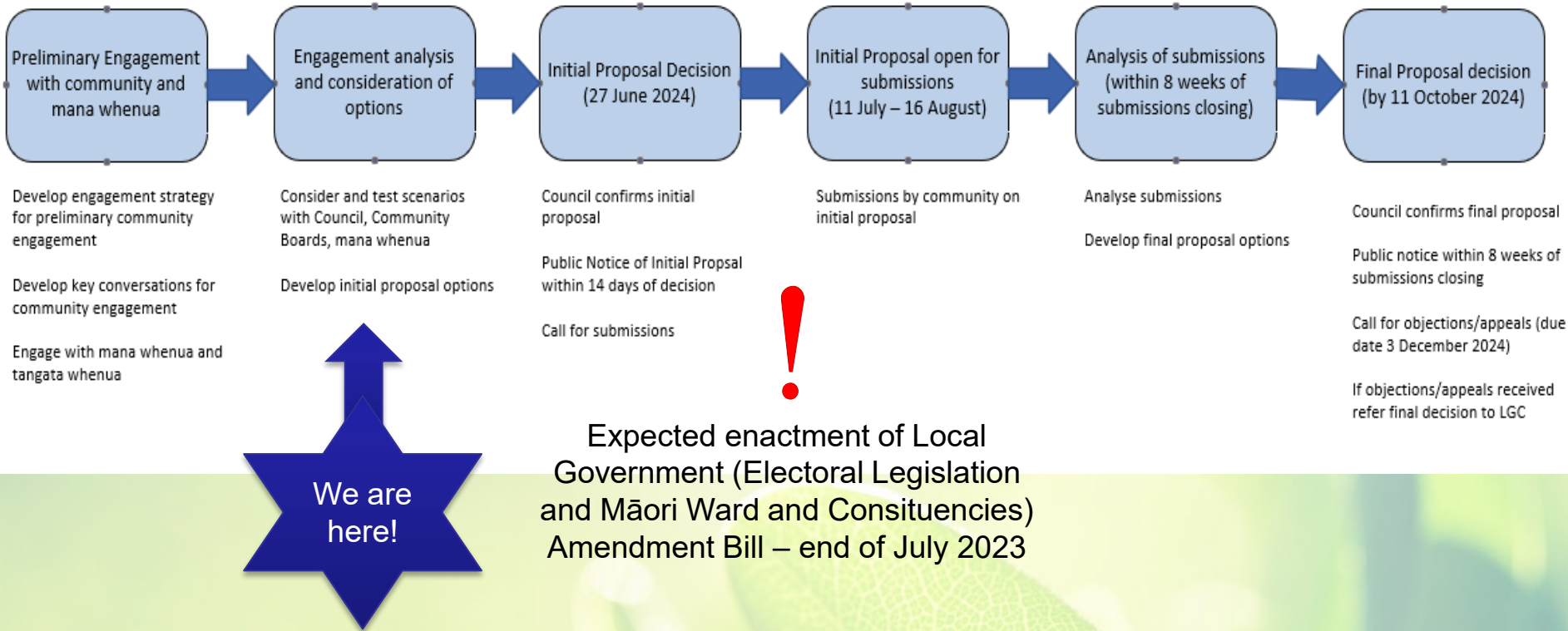
Conduct a shortened representation review by April 2025 to determine the representation arrangements for the 2025 local body elections.

Details to be confirmed by DIA.

Scene-setting

- Representation Review underway as a result of Council resolving to establish a Māori ward in November 2023
- Council resolved a staff-led preliminary community engagement approach for the Representation Review in December 2023.

Where we are at in the process


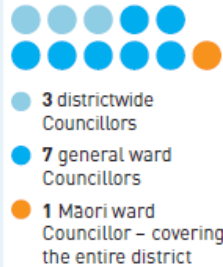
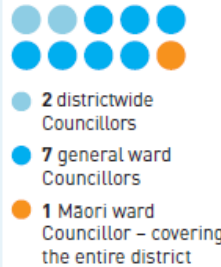
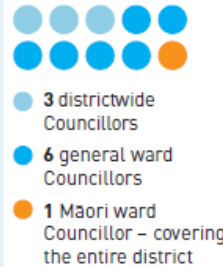


Preliminary community engagement approach

- *What we heard from elected members*
 - Conduct preliminary community engagement and staff-led
 - Process as simple as allowed under legislation
- *What we have done in response*
 - Engaged with mana whenua from January onwards
 - Created infographics and FAQ documents
 - Created Have Your Say survey – live from 4 March to 2 April
 - Held Drop-in sessions for the community to ask questions

Questions we asked

- Do you think the existing representation arrangements provide fair and effective representation?
- Is there anything that doesn't work well with the current arrangements?
- Which concept you think would provide us with the most representative and effective Council structure or alternatively let us know what other ideas you think might work best?
- Should ward Councillors be appointed back to Community Boards and, if so, how?

	Potential representation concepts		
Current Council structure No current Māori ward Councillor	Concept 1 Add Māori ward Councillor to current structure and increase the number of Councillors around the Council table by one.	Concept 2 Replace one districtwide Councillor with a Māori ward Councillor and retain the same number of Councillors around the Council table.	Concept 3 Replace one general ward Councillor with a Māori ward Councillor and retain same number of Councillors around the Council table.
1 Mayor	1 Mayor	1 Mayor	1 Mayor
10 councillors  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 districtwide Councillors 7 general ward Councillors 	11 councillors  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 districtwide Councillors 7 general ward Councillors 1 Māori ward Councillor – covering the entire district 	10 councillors  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 districtwide Councillors 7 general ward Councillors 1 Māori ward Councillor – covering the entire district 	10 councillors  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 districtwide Councillors 6 general ward Councillors 1 Māori ward Councillor – covering the entire district <p>Note: The impact on ward boundaries would be more significant depending on which ward Councillor was replaced.</p>
20 Community Board Members	20 Community Board Members	20 Community Board Members	20 Community Board Members



Results – Key Findings

- In total 285 submissions received.
- 74% agree that existing arrangements fair and representatives and 61% agree that the arrangements work well.
- 51% support the current councillor to community board appointment structure and 36% support concept 2 with a further 27% supporting concept 1 – both concepts would require minimal changes to the status quo

Key Findings from Preliminary Community Consultation

- Change to ward-based representation supported
- Change to district-wide representation supported
- Mixed view on Community Board representation
- Mixed views on Māori Ward integration but concept two favoured
- Other concerns raised:
 - Decision-making by Council
 - Electoral System

Detailed Results – Question 1

Do you think the existing representation arrangements provide fair and effective representation?

74% (209) of respondents agreed that the current arrangements were fair and effective compared to 26% (75) that disagreed.

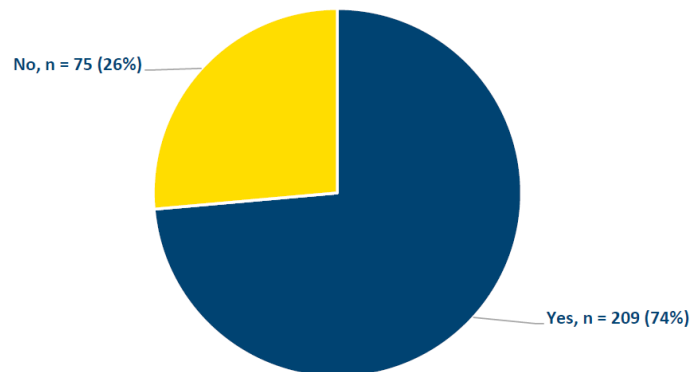


Figure 1: With the exception of the new Māori ward, do you think the existing representation arrangements provide fair and effective representation (representing our communities of interest in Kāpiti)?

Community Feedback Themes

- Debate relating to over or underrepresentation in areas like Ōtaki, Waikanae, and Paraparaumu
- Calls for more equitable representation
- Concerns over local representation suggesting greater focus on ward representation
- Concerns over matters that are of significance to the entire district suggesting district-wide representation.

Detailed Results – Question 2

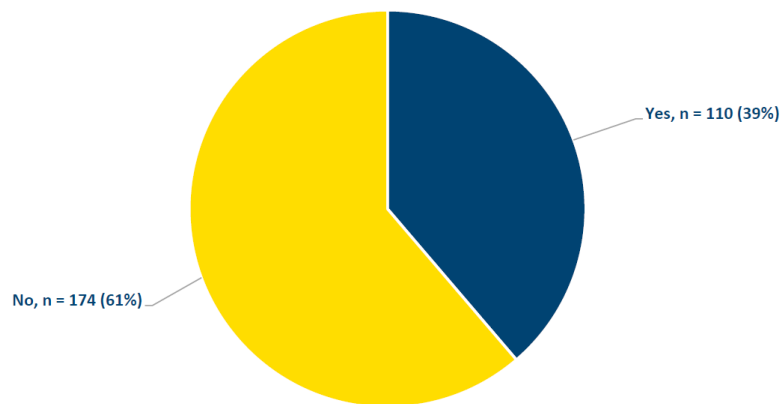


Figure 2: Is there anything that doesn't work well with the current arrangements?

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61% (174) respondents did not think there was anything that did not work well compared to 39% (110) that thought that there was room for improvement.

Community Feedback Themes

- Scrutiny over the role of Community Boards
- Concerns about under or overrepresentation of specific communities of interest, such as Ōtaki, Waikanae and Paraparaumu.
- Challenging the effectiveness of ward Councillors suggesting instead a fully district-wide representation system
- Suggestions of a fully ward-based structure to ensure specific communities of interest are represented.

Detailed Results – Question 3

Which concept you think would provide us with the most representative and effective Council structure or alternatively let us know what other ideas you think might work best?

19% (54) of 284 respondents did not answer this question.

36% (101) of the remaining 230 respondents preferred Concept 2.

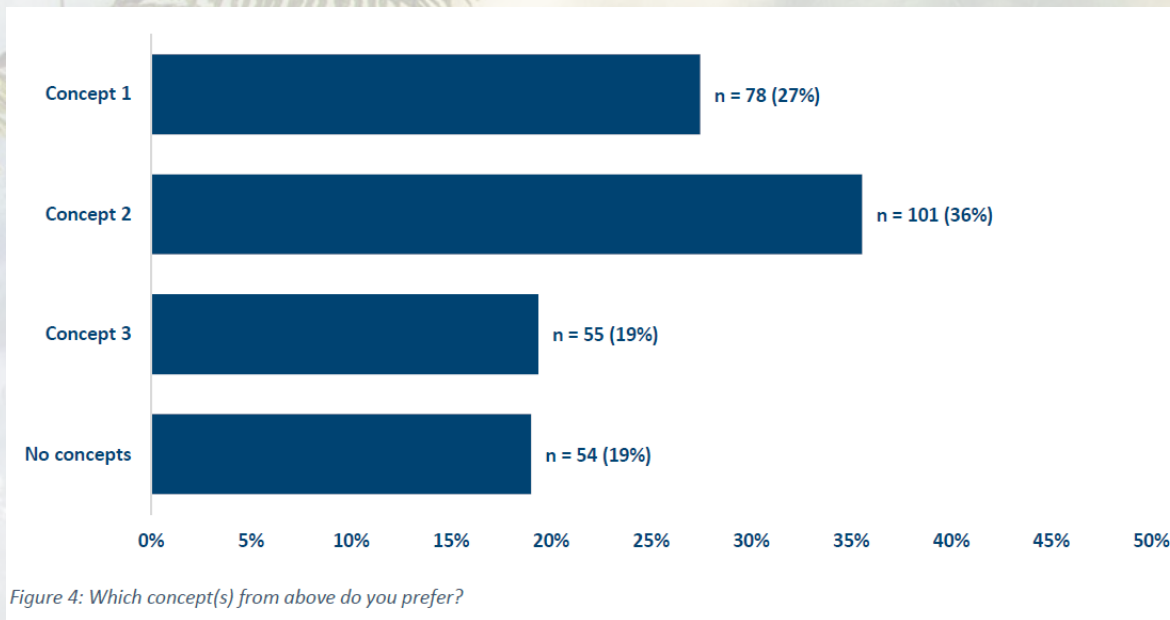
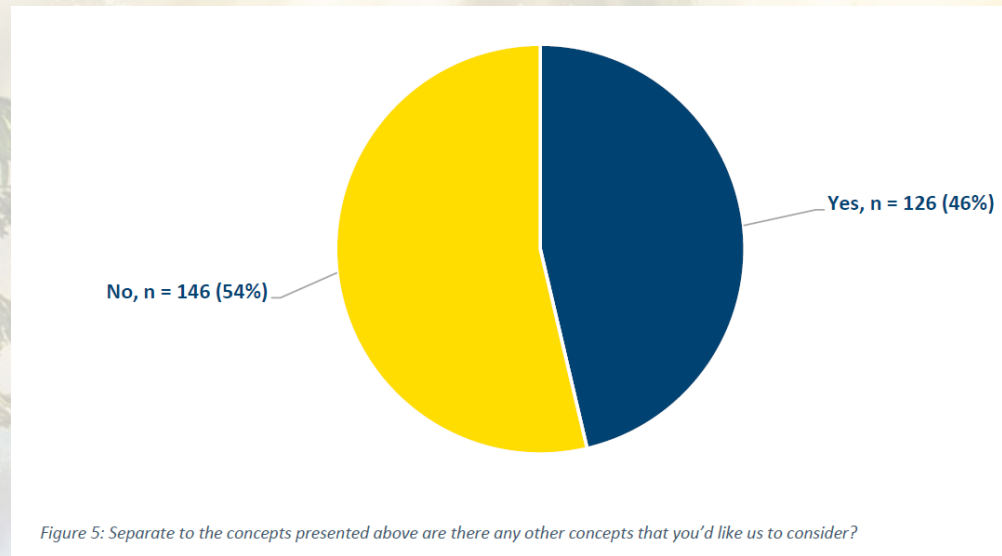


Figure 4: Which concept(s) from above do you prefer?

Other concepts proposed

Are there any other concepts that you would like us to consider?

46% (126) of 285 respondents suggested that there were other concepts that should be considered, whereas 54% did not suggest other concepts.



Analysis highlighted seven specific alternative representation concepts.

Other concepts proposed

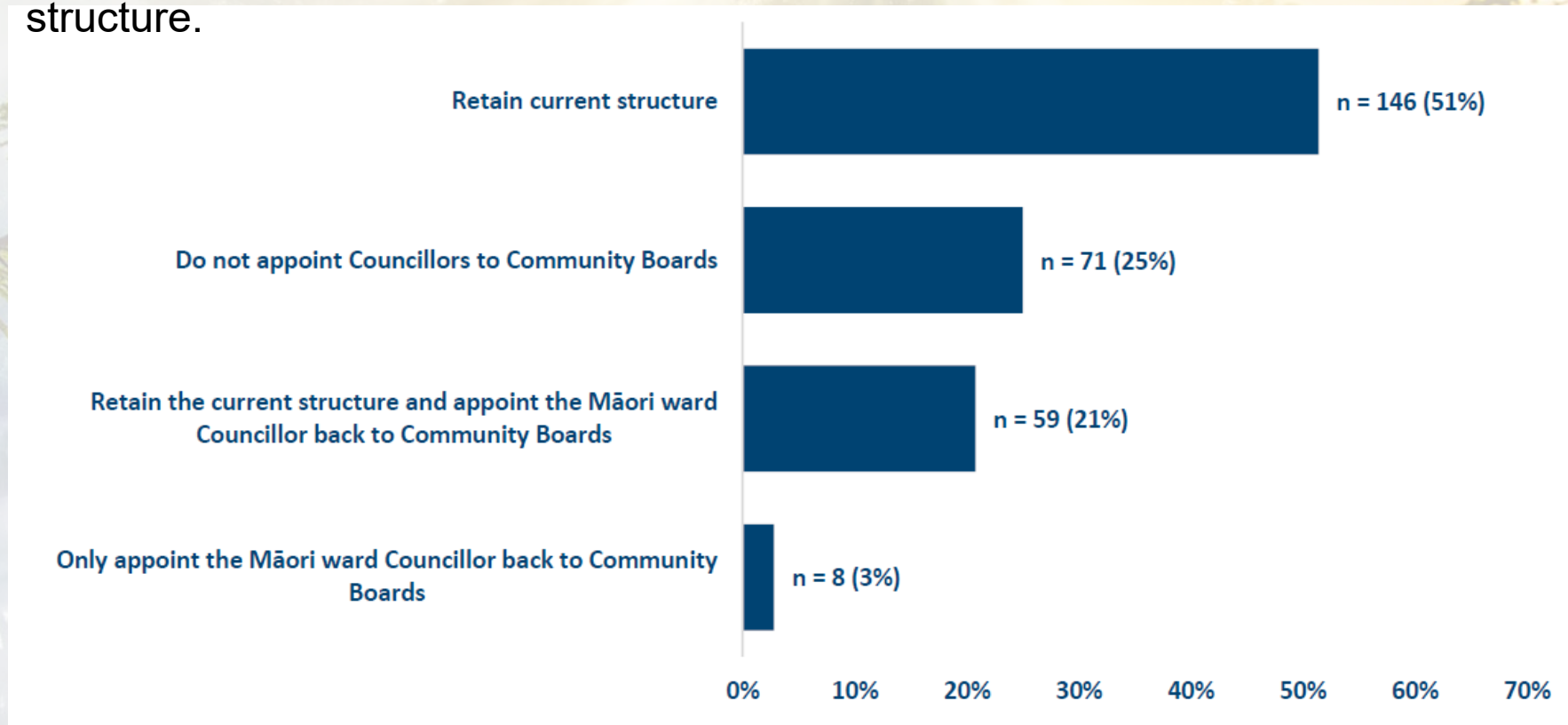
The community feedback highlighted the following alternative concepts:

- Districtwide Councillors only and one Māori ward Councillor elected by entire district
- 9 or 10 general ward Councillors inclusive of Māori ward Councillor
- 4 ward Councillors, 6 districtwide Councillors and the Mayor
- 1 Māori ward Councillor and 1 districtwide Councillor
- 1 general ward (with 9 Councillor) and 1 Māori ward (with 1 Councillor) – all elected by the entire district
- 10 districtwide Councillors and 1 Māori ward Councillor
- 5 districtwide Councillors and 1 Māori ward Councillor with community boards

Detailed Results – Question 4

Should ward Councillors be appointed back to Community Boards and, if so, how?

51% (146) of respondents noted a preference to retain the current appointment structure.



Community commentary

The community feedback highlighted the following in regards to their choice for question 4:

Retain current structure

- structure working, understood and represent community
- appointing Māori ward Councillor to all boards would be an excessive workload
- cost effective
- Māori ward should have a district focus and ward Councillors should sit on their ward's community boards

Not appoint any Councillors

- Separation of roles/influence
- Only directly elected representatives should sit on boards
- No benefit of Councillors sitting on boards
- Cost effective
- Excessive workload for Councillors

Community commentary

Current structure PLUS appoint Māori ward Councillor

- Ensures Māori ward Councillor represents local community
- Cost effective and efficient
- Māori ward Councillor should have districtwide focus
- Important for the relevance of community boards

Only appoint Māori ward Councillor

- Ensures Māori ward Councillor represents local community
- Excessive to have multiple Councillors on boards

What do the results mean?

- Elected members indicated a preference to keep the process as streamlined as possible
- 74% agree that current arrangements are fair and representatives and 61% agree that the arrangements work well
- Majority of submissions support Concept 1 or 2 which would not require significant changes
- Majority supports retaining the current Councillor appointment structure
- Alternative representation options provided in submissions

Elected Member views

- We are seeking your view on:
 - Whether the current representation arrangements are fair and representative and work well
 - What adjustments are needed
 - What the inclusion of the Māori ward should look like
 - What the appointment to community board structure should look like
- Please share your views

Next Steps

- Council staff will work up options
- Another public briefing will be held on 21 May 2024 to discuss representation options - population data will be shared with elected members at the briefing
- Updates to all Community Boards are planned
- Report to 27 June 2024 Council meeting for a decision on an initial representation proposal
- Formal engagement with the community after that decision

Questions?



Timeframe	Steps taken so far/Decision made
Last triennium – 2021	<p data-bbox="388 111 1908 234">During last representation review, Council considered the establishment of a Māori ward but deferred the consideration to this triennium. This decision was supported by mana whenua.</p> <p data-bbox="388 277 1908 357">Local Electoral (Māori wards and Māori Consituencies) Amendment Act 2021 enacted to allow Councils to consider establishment of Māori wards without requiring a poll.</p>
June 2022	<p data-bbox="388 401 1881 481">Council resolved formal mana whenua representation to Council’s governance structure. This was re-confirmed after the elections in November 2022.</p>
August 2022	<p data-bbox="388 515 1367 554">Local Government Electoral Legislation Bill announced.</p>
April 2023	<p data-bbox="388 588 1908 668">Local Government Electoral Legislation Bill amended at second reading and provisions to consider a Māori ward are postponed to next triennium.</p>
August 2023	<p data-bbox="388 705 1881 785">Council resolved to consult with mana whenua and wider community on establishing a Māori ward</p> <p data-bbox="388 848 1605 886">Council resolves STV as Electoral System for 2025 local body elections.</p>
14 November 2023 (ahead of 23 November deadline)	<p data-bbox="388 919 1812 999">Council resolves to establish a Māori ward ahead of 2025 local body elections which triggers a Representation Review in 2024.</p>
14 December 2023	<p data-bbox="388 1133 1798 1213">Council resolves a staff-led preliminary community engagement approach for the Representation Review.</p>
4 April 2024	<p data-bbox="388 1262 1901 1385">Government announces reinstatement of poll provisions for Māori wards after the 2025 local body elections and transitional provisions for councils with (or are planning for) Māori wards</p>

Population Data (Concept 1 and 2)

Ward	Māori Electoral Population	General Electoral Population	Members	Population per Member	Difference from Quota (7,649)	% Difference from Quota
Ōtaki General Ward	N/A	7,380	1	7,380	-269	-3.51%
Paraparaumu General Ward	N/A	23,100	3	7,700	51	0.67%
Waikanae General Ward	N/A	14,950	2	7,475	-174	-2.27%
Paekākāriki-Raumati General Ward	N/A	8,110	1	8,110	461	6.03%
Kāpiti Coast Māori Ward	4,930	N/A	1	4,930	N/A	The quota requirement does not apply to the Māori ward.
District Total	4,930 (Māori electoral population) + 53,540 (General electoral population) = 58,470					

Population Data (Concept 3 – Paraparumu ward reduced)

Ward	Māori Electoral Population	General Electoral Population	Members	Population per Member	Difference from Quota (8,923)	% Difference from Quota
Ōtaki General Ward	N/A	7,380	1	7,380	-1,543	-17.30%
Paraparumu General Ward	N/A	23,100	2	11,550	2,627	29.44%
Waikanae General Ward	N/A	14,950	2	7,475	-1,448	-16.23%
Paekākāriki-Raumati General Ward	N/A	8,110	1	8,110	-813	-9.11%
Kāpiti Coast Māori Ward	4,930	N/A	1	4,930	N/A	The quota requirement does not apply to the Māori ward.
District Total	4,930 (Māori electoral population) + 53,540 (General electoral population) = 58,470					

Population Data (Concept 3 – Waikanae ward reduced)

Ward	Māori Electoral Population	General Electoral Population	Members	Population per Member	Difference from Quota (8,923)	% Difference from Quota
Ōtaki General Ward	N/A	7,380	1	7,380	-1,543	-17.30%
Paraparaumu General Ward	N/A	23,100	3	7,700	-1,223	-13.71%
Waikanae General Ward	N/A	14,950	1	14,950	6,027	67.54%
Paekākāriki-Raumati General Ward	N/A	8,110	1	8,110	-813	-9.11%
Kāpiti Coast Māori Ward	4,930	N/A	1	4,930	N/A	The quota requirement does not apply to the Māori ward.
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