

**Mayor and Councillors**  
COUNCIL

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Purpose of Report: For Information

**REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS 2015 -  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION DETERMINATION**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1 This report provides formal advice of the Local Government Commission's decision in respect of Council's Review of Representation Arrangements carried out in 2015.

**DELEGATION**

- 2 Council has not delegated the authority to consider this matter to any of its Standing Committees.

**BACKGROUND**

- 3 A representation review is a statutory process which must be undertaken by every council at least every six years, with the results applying to the ensuing local body elections. For this Council, the Review had to be undertaken in 2015.
- 4 Broadly speaking the Review involves consulting with the community on what kind of representation structure is appropriate, how many Councillors are required to ensure effective governance and representation, and whether there is a role for community boards. In carrying out the consultation in accordance with the prescribed timeframes Council was required to have regard primarily to the principle of ensuring fair and effective representation for individuals and communities.
- 5 Council initiated the Review by deciding in December 2014 to convene a Working Party comprising two Councillors, an iwi representative, and a representative from Community Boards. The Working Party was tasked with carrying out a 'pre-consultation' process through multimedia channels (ie public workshops, newspaper articles, exhibitions) and after due consideration of any issues raised, making recommendations to Council which it did on 18 June 2015.
- 6 Council issued its initial proposal which maintained the status quo in respect of the number of Councillors, the basis for their election, and the names, numbers and membership of community boards. This decision was based on a continuing 'best fit' for meeting the development needs of the District while also recognising the representation needs of geographically distinct communities. Council also accepted the recommendation of the Working Party to change the Ward boundary between Waikanae and Ōtaki Wards to match the community board boundaries so that residents of Reikorangi and Huia Street Waikanae, formerly divided across Ward boundaries, would then reside in the same Ward and Community Board area (ie Waikanae). This decision was made with reference to the new enabling section 19V(3)(ii) of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

- 7 Submissions were invited from the community, ten were received, and three submitters heard on 11 August 2015. Council issued its final proposal on 27 August, slightly amending its initial proposal by including the Waikanae Downs area in the boundary change, so that residents of Kebbel Drive and Aston Road would be moved from the Paraparaumu Ward to the Waikanae Ward as they requested.
- 8 Although no objections or appeals to the final proposal were received, because the decision involved a boundary change the matter had to be referred to the Local Government Commission. The Commission issued its final determination on 3 February 2016. The Commission upheld the Council's final proposal and so the arrangements will apply to the October 2016 local body elections. A copy of the Determination is at Appendix 1. New boundary maps are at Appendix 2.

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

### Policy considerations

- 9 There are no policy considerations.

### Legal considerations

- 10 The Representation Review process is mandated through the Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Electoral Act 2001.

### Financial considerations

- 11 There are no financial considerations.

### Tāngata whenua considerations

- 12 Iwi have been informed of the Commission's decision through Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti.

## **SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT**

### Degree of significance

- 13 This matter has a low level of significance under Council policy.

### Consultation already undertaken

- 14 The Review involved extensive consultation with the community both formal and informal.

### Engagement planning

- 15 An engagement plan is not needed to implement this decision.

### Publicity

- 16 The Local Government Commission circulated its own media release.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- 17 That Council notes the Local Government Commission's 'Final Determination on a decision of the Kapiti Coast District Council to adopt representation arrangements for the local authority elections to be held on 8 October 2016', as at Appendix 1 of report Corp-16-1833.

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## ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix 1 Local Government Commission Determination  
Appendix 2 New boundary maps