

Review of Representation Arrangements

Under sections 19H and 19J of the Local Electoral Act 2001, Hamilton City Council is required to carry out a review of its representation arrangements for the triennial local authority elections to be held on 12 October 2019.

On 16 August 2018, Council resolved, to adopt as its initial proposal for the review of representation arrangements for the 2019 triennial elections, the following:

- (i) Hamilton City Council comprises 12 councillors elected under the ward system, plus the mayor elected at large;
- (ii) Hamilton City Council is divided into two wards, consisting of the following communities of interest:
 - **East Ward** (six councillors) being the existing ward comprising the area to the east of the Waikato River delineated on SO Plan 1602;
 - **West Ward** (six councillors) being the existing ward comprising the area to the west of the Waikato River delineated on SO Plan 1601;
- (iii) no community boards be established, as:
 - (a) effective representation would not be enhanced by establishing community boards, having considered the identified communities of interest in terms of distinctiveness, representation, access and effective governance; and
 - (b) ward councillors are likely to provide sufficient representation of communities of interest and therefore ensure adequate representation and access between elected members and the population.

The reason the total number of councillors is proposed to remain at 12 (plus the mayor) is to provide effective representation to Hamilton City residents and ratepayers.

The two wards, the number of councillors per ward, the ward populations (estimated as at 30 June 2017) and the population ratio per councillor are as follows:

Ward	Population	Councillors	Average	% Variation
East	87,100	6	14,516	+5.32%
West	78,300	6	13,050	-5.32%

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each councillor represents must be within the population range of 13,783 plus or minus 10% (12,405 - 15,161).

Submissions

The initial proposal has been submitted for formal consultation, including inviting written submissions from any interested person or organisation in the period from 24 August to 24 September 2018.

An information booklet can be downloaded from www.hamilton.govt.nz/representationreview, and this is also available from the Hamilton City Council, Garden Place or from city libraries from 24 August 2018. Submissions can be provided through the Council's website (www.hamilton.govt.nz) or in hardcopy at the above locations.

Submissions should state your name, address, telephone number and email address (if you have one) and should reach the Council no later than **5.00pm on Monday 24 September 2018**.

The Council will read and consider all submissions. Please clearly state if you wish to speak in support of your submission and note that any submission made will be available to the public. Hearings and meetings on the review will be open to the public.

Want to find out more?

For more information, see the consultation pages on our website: www.hamilton.govt.nz/representationreview or pop in to one of our drop-in sessions:

Monday 27 August 2018	5.30pm	Hamilton City Council (main reception area, entrance via Garden Place)
Thursday 30 August 2018	12.00pm	Waimarie Hamilton East Community Centre, 53 Wellington Street, Hamilton East
Tuesday 4 September 2018	5.30pm	Hamilton City Council (main reception area, entrance via Garden Place)
Wednesday 12 September 2018	12.00pm	St Andrews Library, Braid Road, St Andrews

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