

For Action

MEMO TO: Jackie Evans - Democratic Support Manager

COPY TO:

DATE: 23 March 2018

MEETING: Council Meeting of 22/03/2018

Please note for your action / information the following decision arising from the meeting named above:

Representation Review
FILE REF 18/182
AGENDA ITEM NO. 16

Councillor Nixon/Councillor Dixon

- A) That the report of the Democratic Support Manager titled “Representation Review” dated 22/03/2018 be received.**
- B) That the Hastings District Council establish the following representation arrangements for the triennial election of the Hastings District Council to be held on Saturday 12 October 2019:**
- 1) That Hastings District as delineated on the plan attached (Attachments 6 and 7) to the report in (A) above be divided into five wards.**
 - 2) That those five wards shall be –**
 - a) Flaxmere**
 - b) Hastings/Havelock North**
 - c) Heretaunga**
 - d) Mohaka**
 - e) Kahuranaki**
 - 3) That the Council comprise the Mayor and fourteen Councillors elected as follows:**
 - a) Eight councillors elected by the electors of the Hastings/Havelock North Ward.**
 - b) Two councillors elected by the electors of the Flaxmere Ward.**
 - d) Two councillors elected by the electors of the Heretaunga Ward.**
 - e) One councillor elected by the electors of the Kahuranaki Ward.**
 - f) One councillor elected By the electors of Mohaka Ward.**
 - 4) That there be a Hastings District Rural Community as delineated on the plans (Attachment 8) to the report in (A) above comprising the area of the Rural Ward.**

- 5) That the Hastings District Rural Community Board be subdivided into four for electoral purposes as indicated on the plan (Attachment 8) to the report at A) above.
- 6) That those four subdivisions be –
 - a) The Tutira Subdivision
 - b) The Kaweka Subdivision
 - c) The Maraekakaho Subdivision
 - d) The Poukawa Subdivision
- 7) That, as required by section 19T(b) and 19W(c) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the boundaries of the above wards, communities and subdivisions coincide with the boundaries of current statistical meshblock areas determined by Statistics New Zealand.
- 8) That, as the ward boundaries coincide with community boundaries, the requirements of section 19T(c) of the Local Electoral Act 2001 are accordingly met.
- 9) That, as required by sections 19T(a) and 19W(b) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the five wards and one community being created and the number of members of each ward and community and subdivision will provide effective representation of communities of interest within Hastings District because:
 - a) The five wards represent the current significant and distinct communities of interest that the Council has identified within Hastings District, namely –

Hastings/Havelock North
Flaxmere
Heretaunga Plains
Kahuranaki
Mohaka
 - b) The Rural Community Board and its four subdivisions outlined in 6) above provides fair and effective representation of the communities of interest of the vast and sparsely populated land area of Hastings District.
 - c) The retention of the number of councillors at fourteen will provide continuity and enable Council to continue to work effectively.

With the reasons for this decision being that the objective of the decision will contribute to meeting the current and future needs of communities for performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and business by:

- i) Ensuring that representation and governance arrangements are proportionate, fair, effective and reflect the communities of interest within the district

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SPECIFIC ACTIONS REQUIRED: