

Hastings District Council Meeting Held on 14 October 2021

Resolution

Item 5 – Representation Review: Hearing of Submissions on Initial Proposal and Determination of Final Proposal

Councillor Travers/Councillor Nixon

- A) That the Council Meeting receive the report titled Representation Review: Hearing of Submissions on Initial Proposal and Determination of Final Proposal dated 14 October 2021.
- B) That the following submissions/part submissions relating to the requested representation review actions listed be **accepted** for the reasons set out below:
- i. **Requested action – Retain Hastings District Rural Community Board**
Submitters – Rural Community Board, Federated Farmers Hawke’s Bay, Mick Lester.
Reason – The Council considers that the Rural Community Board assists in providing effective representation for the rural communities of the Hastings District which are spread over a large, sparsely populated area.
 - ii. **Requested action/submission – Support for the structure of the Hastings District Rural Community Board as set out in the Initial Proposal (seven members - one elected member from each of the Tūtira, Kaweka, Maraekākaho and Poukawa Subdivisions; one appointed councillor member from each of the Mohaka, Kahurānaki and Takitimu Wards)**
Submitters – Rural Community Board, Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (particularly supports appointment of Councillor from Takitimu Ward), Mick Lester.
Reason – The Council considers the proposed structure of the Rural Community Board assists in providing effective representation for the rural communities of the Hastings District which are spread over a large, sparsely populated area.
 - iii. **Requested action/submission – Support for the subdivision structure of the Hastings District Rural Community Board and boundary adjustments**
Submitter – Federated Farmers Hawke’s Bay.
Reason – The Council considers the proposed structure of the Rural Community Board together with the boundary adjustments assists in providing effective representation for the rural communities of the Hastings District which are spread over a large, sparsely populated area.
 - iv. **Requested action/submission – retain ward-based electoral system**
Submitter – Federated Farmers Hawke’s Bay.
Reason – The Council considers that the ward-based electoral system contained in the Proposal provides for effective representation of communities of interest.

- v. **Requested action/submission – Retain Mohaka and Kahurānaki Wards with one Councillor each**
Submitter – Rural Community Board, Federated Farmers Hawke’s Bay, Helen Reid, Tim Tinker, Mick Lester, Kevin Mitchell, Andy Tait-Jamieson, Jim Galloway, Nick Dawson, Tim Hindmarsh.
Reason – The Council considers the Mohaka and Kahurānaki Wards provide effective representation for the rural communities of the Hastings District which are spread over a large, sparsely populated area.
- vi. **Requested action/submission – Retain Heretaunga Ward with two councillors**
Submitter – Terence Eaton.
Reason – The Council considers the Heretaunga Ward provides effective representation for the coastal and plains village communities and the horticultural and viticultural land use communities of the Heretaunga Plains.
- vii. **Requested action/submission – Proceed with proposed Takitimu Ward (single Māori ward with three Councillors)**
Submitters – Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated, Daniel Hape, Mike Paku, Ngaio Tiuka.
Reason – The Council considers that the proposed ward structure proposed provides for effective representation of the Māori electoral population and has received support from the electoral population via community consultation.
- viii. **Requested action/submission – Support urban boundary adjustments (retirement villages into Hastings-Havelock North Ward)**
Submitter – Federated Farmers Hawke’s Bay.
Reason – The Council considers these boundary adjustments enhance effective representation of communities of interest by joining in one ward communities with strong commonalities of interest.
- ix. **Requested action/submission – Supports slight over-representation in Kahurānaki and Heretaunga Wards**
Submitter – Federated Farmers Hawke’s Bay.
Reason – The Council considers, given the decision-making context facing Council, that the slight over-representation is part of an overall proposal that provides for the optimal mix of effective representation of communities of interest and fair representation of electors, and for good governance and effective sharing of the Council workload.
- x. **Requested action/submission – Support/not opposed to increase in number of Councillors (but opposed to other aspects of Proposal)**
Submitter – Federated Farmers Hawke’s Bay, Paddy Maloney, Anne Maloney, Heather Gregory.
Reason – The Council considers, given the decision-making context facing Council, that an increase in Councillors provides for the optimal mix of effective representation of communities of interest and fair representation of electors, and for good governance and effective sharing of the Council workload.

- xi. **Requested action/submission – Proceed with proposed Takitimu name for single Māori ward**
Submitter – Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated.
Reason – Based on community and iwi feedback, the Council considers this an appropriate name for the ward.

 - xii. **Requested action/submission – Proceed with Initial Proposal**
Submitter – Rural Community Board, Tim Tinker, Mick Lester, Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (and investigate Flaxmere Community Board), Marei Apatu, Phillip Warner, Sukhdeep Singh, Rana Tama Te Rangi Huata, Ken Hutchison, Jenny Vercoe, Toro Waaka, Aretha Edwards, Daniel Hape, Rosie Dawson-Hewes, Cassandra Hall, Michael Kinney, Peter Kay, Jim Galloway, Nick Dawson, Mike Paku, Tim Hindmarsh, Ngaio Tiuka.
Reason – The Council has determined to proceed with the Initial Proposal. The Council considers, given the decision-making context facing Council, that the Proposal provides for the optimal mix of effective representation of communities of interest and fair representation of electors, and for good governance and effective sharing of the Council workload.
- C) That the following submissions/part submissions relating to the requested representation review actions listed be **rejected** for the reasons set out below:
- i. **Requested action/submission – Introduce ‘At-Large’ Councillor constituencies**
Submitter – Nigel Hounsome (one vote per person).
Reasons – Council considers that ward-based representation is the best system for providing effective representation of communities of interest. Council notes that it could not move completely to an ‘at-large’ system of representation as having made the prior decision to introduce Māori wards it must have at least one general ward.

 - ii. **Requested action/submission – Concern that Takitimu Ward Councillor on Rural Community Board could be an urban person**
Submitter – Federated Farmers Hawke’s Bay.
Reason – Council can consider this concern at time of appointment. Any amendment to remove the Takitimu Ward appointee would mean inequitable representation of the Māori electoral population within Rural Community Board area and a reduction in effective representation of the rural Māori electoral population.

 - iii. **Requested action/submission – Concern that increased Council size dilutes/reduces rural representation**
Submitter – Jerf van Beek.
Reason – The Council considers that the Proposal provides for effective representation of communities of interest and as fair representation as possible given the context for decision-making.

- iv. **Requested action/submission – Introduce Havelock North Community Board**
Submitter – Rodney Metcalfe.
Reason – The Council does not consider that a community board is necessary to provide for effective representation of the Havelock North area.
- v. **Requested action/submission – Introduce Flaxmere Community Board and establish Flaxmere Community**
Submitter – Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated.
Reason – The Council does not consider that a community board is necessarily the best method to provide for effective representation of the Flaxmere area.
- vi. **Requested action/submission – Boundary Adjustment Tauroa Road Meshblock (4011086) from Kahurānaki Ward to Hastings Havelock North Ward**
Submitter – Kathryn Ingram.
Reason – The Council considers the placement of the meshblock in the Kahurānaki Ward is appropriate in keeping with the placement of adjoining meshblocks of a similar urban/rural border nature. The Council also considers that shift of the meshblock would detract from fair representation of electors.
- vii. **Requested action/submission –Boundary Adjustment ‘Ngātarawa Triangle’ remain in Kahurānaki Ward**
Submitter – Alain Douyiliez.
Reason – The Council considers that the Initial Proposal provides for effective representation of the horticultural and viticultural land use communities within the ‘Ngātarawa Triangle’ area, and that inclusion of the ‘Ngātarawa Triangle’ area within Heretaunga Ward assists with providing for fair representation.
- viii. **Requested action/submission –Boundary Adjustment Ōmāhu Road Meshblocks to Hastings Havelock North Ward**
Submitter – Federated Farmers Hawke’s Bay.
Reason – The Council considers that Initial Proposal provides for effective representation of the Ōmāhu Road industrial and residential areas, and that inclusion of Ōmāhu Road industrial and residential areas within Heretaunga Ward assists with providing for fair representation.
- ix. **Requested action/submission –Investigate Boundary Adjustment Ōmāhu Village Meshblocks to Flaxmere Ward**
Submitter – Federated Farmers Hawke’s Bay.
Reason – The Council considers that Initial Proposal provides for effective representation of the Ōmāhu Village in keeping with the other settlements that are part of the Heretaunga Ward, and that inclusion of Ōmāhu Village within Heretaunga Ward assists with providing for fair representation.

- x. **Requested action/submission – Reduce rural representation/concern at rural over-representation**
Submitter – Steven Lewis, Ralph Heesterman.
Reason – The Council considers that a reduction in rural representation would reduce effective representation of the rural communities of the Hastings District. The Council considers that such an outcome would be negative for the district particularly given the large and sparsely populated rural area within Hastings District and the importance of primary production activities to the wider district community.
- xi. **Requested action/submission – Introduce Two Māori Ward structure with a Pāharakeke (Flaxmere) Māori Ward and a ward for the balance of the district**
Submitter – Matt Goodin, Rachel Brown.
Reason – Based on feedback via community engagement, the Council considers that the Māori electoral population will be most effectively represented by a single Māori ward electing three councillors.
- xii. **Requested action/submission – Introduce a Three Māori Ward structure with a Pāharakeke (Flaxmere) Māori Ward, an Urban Ward and a Rural Ward (covering the Heretaunga, Mohaka and Kahurānaki general ward areas)**
Submitter – Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust.
Reason – Based on feedback via community engagement, the Council considers that the Māori electoral population will be most effectively represented by a single Māori ward electing three councillors. In addition, the Council considers that this option does not provide for fair representation between electors in the different proposed wards.
- xiii. **Requested action/submission – Introduce a proposal that has at least two councillors for every ward**
Submitter – Hayley Soanes.
Reason – The spread of the electoral population across the district means that this approach would result in either a very large Council or unfair representation well outside the +/-10% range. The Council considers that the former would not help achieve good governance and effective representation for communities while the latter would be unfair.
- xiv. **Requested action/submission – Adopt proposal that complies with +/-10%**
Submitter – John Schollum, Pamela Rawle.
Reason – Given the identified communities of interest within the district and the spread of Māori and general electoral populations, the Council has not been able to arrive at a proposal that complies with the +/-10% requirement while also providing for effective representation of communities of interest.

xv. **Requested action/submission – Amend Proposal to include two Councillors for Flaxmere general Ward**

Submitter – Andy Dowley, Jeanette Makirere, Nic Dickinson, Dennis Coxon, Paula Mihaka, Pat Turley, Debbie Simmiss, Bronwyn Hopkins, Jennifer Anderson, Maxine McGovan, Sue Selwyn, Glennis Moriarty, Mandy Kimber, Kathryn Ingram, Do Adams, Nigel Woodley, Rachel Brown, Jim Stewart, Paddy Maloney, Heather Sanders, Anne Maloney, Pauline Elliot, Daniel Haddock, Keelan Heesterman.

Reason – This approach would create very significant over-representation of the Flaxmere Ward and would not provide for fair representation of electors.

xvi. **Requested action/submission – Increase representation for Flaxmere by merging Flaxmere Ward with Hastings-Havelock North Ward**

Submitters – Glenn Parris,

Reason – Council considers that removing a stand-alone Flaxmere Ward will reduce effective representation for the Flaxmere community of interest and combine communities of interest with reduced commonalities.

xvii. **Requested action/submission – Increase representation for Flaxmere** [exact method not specified]

Submitters – Steven Lewis, John Schollum, Margaret Dobson, Heather Wilkie, Claire Osborne, Joyce Chapman, Tamsin Mednis, Sally Coop, Alan Dillon, Les Hokianga, Ella Wroe, Janette Wrigley, Shane Simons, Lara Marshall, Rachel Bell, Matilda Ellis, Heather Gregory, Aloysius Melchers, Kelly Nolan, Chloe Leete, Hilary Heesterman, Hastings District Youth Council, Ralph Heesterman, Louis Gaffaney, Peter Church.

Reason – Council has not found a method to satisfactorily address under-representation of the Flaxmere general electoral population without creating other representation problems that cause unfair representation or detract from effective representation of communities of interest.

xviii. **Requested action/submission – Amend Proposal to establish a separate Havelock North Ward**

Submitters – Chris Johnson, Nic Dickinson, John Schollum, Tamsin Mednis, Dennis Coxon, Roland Broadbent, Louise Thompson, Sue Selwyn, Sally Coop, Sally Nolan.

Reason – This approach would create a ward that was under-represented. Council considers that the Hastings-Havelock North ward included in the Initial Proposal provides for effective representation of Havelock North.

xix. **Requested action/submission – Amend Proposal to include eight councillors for Hastings-Havelock North Ward and two for Flaxmere Ward (while reducing councillor numbers overall)**

Submitter – Cecile Hurford

Reason – While increasing councillor numbers in Hastings-Havelock North Ward would be possible, doing so while reducing councillor number overall would lead to significant under-representation in other wards and a reduction in effective representation for rural and Heretaunga communities. Increasing Flaxmere Councillors to two would create significant over-representation of the Flaxmere ward.

- xx. **Requested action/submission – Reduce Councillor numbers in the Hastings-Havelock North Ward**
Submitter – Ngaire Marsh (5), Jennifer Anderson, Ben Hutton, Carlene Tangohau, Kathryn Ingram,
Reason – Having assessed options with a reduced numbers of councillors for the Hastings-Havelock North Ward, the Council considers, given the decision-making context facing Council, that the Initial Proposal (with 7 Councillors for Hastings-Havelock North) provides the optimal mix of effective and fair representation for the ward and across the district.
- xxi. **Requested action/submission – Rename Mohaka Ward based on input from appropriate Kaumātua and PSGEs/Taiwhenua**
Submitter – Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust,
Reason – There is insufficient time available within the decision-making process to engage Kaumātua and other parties on naming of the Mohaka Ward. However, this matter could be addressed ahead of the next representation review.
- xxii. **Requested action/submission – Name Māori wards based on input from appropriate Kaumātua and PSGEs/Taiwhenua**
Submitter – Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust,
Reason – There is insufficient time available within the decision-making process to further engage Kaumātua and other parties on naming of Māori wards. It is noted that the Takitimu ward name was nominated via a Hui-a-lwi hosted by the two Taiwhenua active in the Hastings District. However, this matter could be addressed again ahead of the next representation review.
- xxiii. **Requested action/submission – Reduce Council size to less than 14 members**
Submitter – Laura Jones, Steven Lewis (12 Councillor model), Christine Love (12), John Schollum, Andy Tait-Jamieson, Joanne Harry, Ian Jones (9), Tamsin Mednis, Waverley Burke, Dennis Coxon, Kate Hodgkinson, Ian Bauld, Grant Nicholson, Travis LeComte, Rodney Metcalfe (12), James Judd (12), Mike Lewis, Pat Turley (11), Simon Cheer, John Reilly (11 or 12), Jonathan Harry, Ngaire Marsh, Chris Miles, Maxine McGovan, Tom Cartwright, Kirsty Caro, Carol Ferguson, Linda Simons, Alan Dillon, Victor Saywell (10), A Pivac, Matilda Ellis, Pauline Elliot, Aloysius Melchers, Kelly Nolan, Hastings District Youth Council, Hilary Heesterman, Ralph Heesterman, Keelan Heesterman, Louis Gaffaney,
Reason – The Council considers, given the decision-making context facing it, that the Proposal with 15 Councillors provides for the optimal mix of effective representation of communities of interest and fair representation of electors, and for good governance and effective sharing of the Council workload. The Council also noted that a size of less than 14 Councillors elected by ward would reduce the number of Māori ward Councillors which would be out of keeping with the strong preferences expressed by the Māori community in recent related engagement processes. It would also likely reduce rural representation against the strong preferences of the rural communities of Hastings District.

xxiv. Requested action/submission – Amend Initial Proposal to reduce Council size to 14 Councillors (Status Quo – No increase)

Submitter – Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust, Terence Eaton, Jason Taylor, Dennis Coxon, Russell Green, Michelle Evans, Dean Sewell, Kathryn Young, Louise Thompson, Danny McClure, Paul Jones, Michelle Klingender, Jeremy Klingender, Di Redman, Jennifer Anderson, Ben Hutton, Simon Nash, Sue Selwyn, Christine Blackberry, Kathryn Ingram, Kathryn Kinney, Do Adams, Nataliya Rik, Hunter Collins Kelly, Ella Wroe, Jim Stewart, Lynda Youren, Bridget McClure, Andrew Smith, Janette Wrigley, Shane Simons, Mra Hocking, Regan Wallis, Lara Marshall, Rachel Bell, KJ Bazzard, Jerf van Beek, Desmond Green.

Reason – The Council considers, given the decision-making context facing it, that the Proposal with 15 Councillors provides for the optimal mix of effective representation of communities of interest and fair representation of electors, and for good governance and effective sharing of the Council workload.

xxv. Requested action/submission – Opposed to Initial Proposal but no submission provided as to action requested; or particular suggestion out of scope for determination as part of representation review

Kathryn Young, Steve Mawley, Pamela van den Berg, Paul Baker (seeks change to District Boundaries), Andrew Torr, Valerie King, P de B (first-past-the- post), Waverley Burke (seeks greater diversity on Council), Kelly Weilbach, Jacqui Hartley-Smith, Mel Schroder, Brendan Veale, Glenn Parris (referendum), Barbara Grieve, Kathryn Ingram (term limits), Wini Smiler, James Wilson (suggests Council size outside legal framework), Karen Craft, Sandra Tuilaepa, Renee Allan, Tania Anderson, Hastings District Youth Council (Greater Diversity), Keelan Heesterman (Remuneration), Louis Gaffaney (under-representation of youth).

Reason – The Council considers, given the decision-making context facing it, that the Proposal with 15 Councillors provides for the optimal mix of effective representation of communities of interest and fair representation of electors, and for good governance and effective sharing of the Council workload. Council considers that the changes cannot be implemented as the preferred changes submitted are not within Council’s powers under the legal framework of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

- D) That no changes be made to the Initial Proposal adopted by Council at its meeting held 26 August 2021, and that Council determines that the following representation arrangements will apply for the triennial election of the Hastings District Council to be held on Saturday 8 October 2022:
- i. Hastings District, as delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 1) to the report described in A) above, be divided into six wards, being five general wards and one Māori ward.
 - ii. Those six wards shall be:
 - General Wards**
 - a. Flaxmere, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 2) to the report described in A) above
 - b. Hastings-Havelock North, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 3) to the report described in A) above
 - c. Heretaunga, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 4) to the report described in A) above
 - d. Kahurānaki, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 5) to the report described in A) above
 - e. Mohaka, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 6) to the report described in A) above
 - Māori Wards**
 - f. Takitimu, comprising the area of the whole of the Hastings District as delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 7) to the report described in A) above.
 - iii. The Council will comprise the Mayor, and 15 Councillors elected as follows:
 - a. 1 Councillor elected by the electors of the Flaxmere Ward
 - b. 7 Councillors elected by the electors of the Hastings-Havelock North Ward
 - c. 2 Councillors elected by the electors of the Heretaunga Ward
 - d. 1 Councillor elected by the electors of the Kahurānaki Ward
 - e. 1 Councillor elected by the electors of the Mohaka Ward
 - f. 3 Councillors elected by the electors of the Takitimu Ward.
 - iv. There will be a Hastings District Rural Community as delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 8) to the report described in A) above, comprising the area of the Kahurānaki and Mohaka Wards.
 - v. The community will be subdivided into four for electoral purposes.
 - vi. Those four subdivisions will be:
 - a. Tūtira subdivision, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 9) to the report described in A) above
 - b. Kaweka subdivision, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 10) to the report described in A) above
 - c. Maraekākaho subdivision, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 11) to the report described in A) above

- d. Poukawa subdivision, comprising the area delineated on the plan attached (Appendix 12) to the report described in A) above.
- vii. The membership of Hastings District Rural Community Board will be as follows:
- a. 1 member elected by the electors of the Tūtira subdivision
 - b. 1 member elected by the electors of the Kaweka subdivision
 - c. 1 member elected by the electors of the Maraekākaho subdivision
 - d. 1 member elected by the electors of the Poukawa subdivision
 - e. 3 members of the Council, 1 representing each of the Kahurānaki, Mohaka and Takitimu wards, appointed to the community board by the Council.
- E) That, as required by sections 19T(1)(b) and 19W(c) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the boundaries of the above wards and communities coincide with the current statistical meshblock areas determined by Statistics New Zealand and used for Parliamentary electoral purposes.
- F) That, as required by sections 19T(1)(a) and 19W(b) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the six 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:
- i. The five General wards are considered to effectively and fairly represent the current distinct communities of interest that the Council has identified within the Hastings District, namely –
 - a. Flaxmere
 - b. Hastings-Havelock North
 - c. Heretaunga
 - d. Kahurānaki
 - e. Mohaka
 - ii. The Takitimu Māori ward will improve the effective representation of Māori interests within Hastings District, and in particular, those on the Māori Electoral Roll.
 - iii. The Hastings District Rural Community Board and its four subdivisions set out in D)vi. above provide fair and effective representation of the communities of interest of the large and sparsely populated rural areas of Hastings District.
 - iv. The 15 Councillors will provide for effective representation, good governance of the district and a Council that works effectively.
- G) That in accordance with section 19K of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Council hereby records that the following changes have been made to the basis of election, membership and ward, community and subdivision boundaries within the Hastings District for the reasons set out:
- i. The total number of Councillors to be elected is increased by one – the Council considers an additional Councillor will allow a Māori ward to be introduced while still maintaining effective representation across the District. It will also provide sufficient Council members to share the governance workload and provide for good governance.

- ii. Introduction of the Takitimu Māori Ward – Council has determined to introduce a Māori Ward to improve effective representation for Māori within the District. Based on the total number of Councillors to be elected via wards, a single ward with three Māori Ward Members is introduced on the basis that this will provide for fair and effective representation across the District of those electors who opt to be on the Māori Electoral Roll when exercising the Māori Electoral Option.
- iii. The following boundary adjustments to Council general electoral ward boundaries, namely –
 - a. Meshblock **4015648** (Gracelands) – from Heretaunga Ward to Hastings-Havelock North Ward
 - b. Meshblock **4005098** (Summerset Retirement complex) – from Heretaunga Ward to Hastings-Havelock North Ward
 - c. Meshblock **4013349** (Sir James Wattie Retirement Village) – from Heretaunga Ward to Hastings-Havelock North Ward
 - d. Meshblock **1469704** (Ōmāhu Road) – from Flaxmere Ward to Heretaunga Ward
 - e. Meshblock **1469708** (Ōmāhu Road) – from Flaxmere Ward to Heretaunga Ward
 - f. Meshblock **1473300** (Ōmāhu Road) – from Flaxmere Ward to Heretaunga Ward
 - g. Meshblock **1473400** (Ōmāhu Road) – from Flaxmere Ward to Heretaunga Ward
 - h. Meshblock **1473500** (Ōmāhu Road) – from Flaxmere Ward to Heretaunga Ward
 - i. Meshblock **1473600** (Ōmāhu Road) – from Flaxmere Ward to Heretaunga Ward
 - j. Meshblock **1462901** (Ngātarawa Road/State Highway 50/Maraekākaho Road Triangle) – from Kahurānaki Ward to Heretaunga Ward
 - k. Meshblock **1462902** (Ngātarawa Road/State Highway 50/Maraekākaho Road Triangle) – from Kahurānaki Ward to Heretaunga Ward
 - l. Meshblock **1470209** (Ngātarawa Road/State Highway 50/Maraekākaho Road Triangle) – from Kahurānaki Ward to Heretaunga Ward
 - m. Meshblock **1470211** (Ngātarawa Road/State Highway 50/Maraekākaho Road Triangle) – from Kahurānaki Ward to Heretaunga Ward
 - n. Meshblock **1408402** (Ōmāhu Village) – from Mohaka Ward to Heretaunga Ward
 - o. Meshblock **1409100** (Ōmāhu Village) – from Mohaka Ward to Heretaunga Ward,

are made as Council considers they will improve the effective representation of communities of interest (by shifting areas of the district into wards where they share greater commonalities with adjoining areas) and assist in achieving fair representation.

- iv. The following boundary adjustments to Rural Community Board Subdivision boundaries, namely –
 - a. Meshblock **1463602** (Paki Paki) – from Poukawa Subdivision to Maraekākaho Subdivision
 - b. Meshblock **1463700** (Paki Paki) – from Poukawa Subdivision to Maraekākaho Subdivision,

are made as Council considers they will assist in achieving fair representation and continue to provide effective representation of communities of interest.

- v. Representation for the Hastings – Havelock North General ward is reduced from eight members to seven members – given the introduction of a Māori Ward and the resulting reallocation in voters from the General Electoral Roll to the Māori Electoral Roll, this reduction is made to achieve fair representation across wards.
 - vi. Representation for the Flaxmere General ward is reduced from two members to one member – given the introduction of a Māori Ward and the resulting reallocation in voters from the General Electoral Roll to the Māori Electoral Roll (which particularly impacts the number of electors in Flaxmere Ward), this reduction is made to achieve fair representation across wards.
- H) That as required by section 19N of the Local Electoral Act 2001, public notice of the proposals contained in this resolution be given.

CARRIED

Additional resolutions

Mayor Hazlehurst/Councillor Watkins

- I) That officers investigate the establishment of a Flaxmere Standing Committee or Subcommittee and recommendations come back to Council in February 2022, and include additional opportunities for strengthening representation and voice for the Flaxmere community.
- J) That Council investigate the following matters either at the next representation review, or in the interim, as appropriate:
 - a) Naming of wards including Mohaka and Takitimu in conjunction with appropriate iwi, Maori communities, kaumātua, Post Settlement Governance Entities and Taiwhenua;
 - b) Appropriate ward location for the Ōmāhu Village.

CARRIED