



Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe o Taratahi

CARTERTON
DISTRICT COUNCIL

AGENDA

Hearings Committee meeting

Date: Tuesday, 20 August 2024

Time: 9:00 am

**Location: Carterton Events Centre
50 Holloway St
Carterton**

Cr R Cherry-Campbell (Chair)

Cr B Deller (Deputy Chair)

Cr S Laurence

Mayor R Mark

Deputy Mayor S Cretney

Cr L Newman

Cr G Ayliing

Cr S Gallon

Cr D Williams

Notice is hereby given that a Hearings Committee meeting of the Carterton District Council will be held in the Carterton Events Centre, 50 Holloway St, Carterton on:

Tuesday, 20 August 2024 at 9:00 am

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1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Mai i te pae maunga, raro ki te tai

Mai i te awa tonga, raro ki te awa raki

Tēnei te hapori awhi ai e Taratahi.

Whano whano, haramai te toki

Haumi ē, hui ē, tāiki ē!

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5.1 REPRESENTATION REVIEW - HEARING AND DELIBERATIONS ON THE INITIAL PROPOSAL

1. PURPOSE

For the Hearings Committee to receive and deliberate on the results from consultation on the Initial Proposal for the Representation Review.

2. SIGNIFICANCE

The matters in this report are of 'medium' significance under the Significance and Engagement Policy.

Consultation on the Council's Initial Proposal was required as per the Local Electoral Act 2001, and from 3 July to 4 August 2024 a formal consultation process was undertaken.

3. RESULTS FROM CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMUNITY

Six responses were received (**Attachment 1**).

Of these responses three were in favour of the Initial Proposal and three were not in favour.

Five respondents identified they were 'urban'.

Two of the three respondents that did not agree with the Initial Proposal qualified their responses identifying they supported the At Large council representation option. One of these also suggested fewer councillors.

One of the three respondents that did not agree with the Initial Proposal supported implementation of an Urban Ward.

Two respondents provided further comments that were not relevant to the Initial Proposal.

4. DISCUSSION

Council adopted its initial proposal on 26 June 2024.

Council's Initial Proposal that went out for consultation was:

- (a) That the Carterton District Council comprises the Mayor and eight (8) Councillors, all elected at large.
- (b) That no community boards are established.

The proposal was publicly notified on 3 July and the consultation was open until 4 August 2024.

Consultation on the Initial Proposal was promoted through a public notice in the free Midweek Wairarapa Times Age newspaper, on the Council's website and also using Council's social media channels.

A total of six submissions were received. By comparison, 10 submissions were received to Council's representation review in 2018.

It is noted that there have been two consultations with the Carterton community in the last three months:

1. An extensive consultation on the Council's Long-Term Plan from 5 April to 5 May.
2. Preliminary consultation with the community on three representation options from 6 – 19 May 2024. The three options consulted on were:
 - Status Quo - 8 elected members elected at large and the mayor
 - Option 2A – Rural and Urban Wards – Urban = 5 members, Rural = 3 members, plus the mayor
 - Option 5 – Urban/Rural/At large – Urban = 3 members, Rural = 2 members, at large = 3 members, plus the mayor

It is possible that the impact of recent consultations, and the fact that the proposal did not propose any change to long-standing representation arrangements affected the level of response.

In the preliminary consultation with the community on the three options (above) there appeared to be no appetite for significant change, with a majority of respondents identifying a preference for the status quo of eight (8) councillors elected at large, and the Mayor.

The Council's Statement of Proposal and the report to Council on 26 June 2024 are attached for background information (**Attachments 2 and 3**)

5. NEXT STEPS

The Hearings Committee needs to consider all submissions and deliberate on the results of consultation on the Initial Proposal. The next step is for the Committee to recommend the Final Proposal to Council for adoption on 18 September 2024.

The Council can choose either to adopt the Initial Proposal unchanged as the final proposal, or amend the Initial Proposal in response to submissions.

The statutory deadlines are that Council's Final Proposal needs to be publicly notified within 14 days of the Council's resolution. The latest date to publicly-notify the Final Proposal is within 8 weeks of the end of the submission period i.e. *by 4 October 2024*.

If the Final Proposal is agreed at the Council meeting on Wednesday 18 September it is expected that the Final Proposal will be publicly notified on the following Wednesday 25 September 2024 (it could also be publicly-notified the following week to meet the 4 October statutory deadline).

The public will be given one month to appeal or object to the Final Proposal.

If any objections or appeals are received, they will be forwarded to the Local Government Commission who will make a determination by 10 April 2025.

6. CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 Climate change

There are no climate change considerations relating to the decisions in this paper.

6.2 Tāngata whenua

There are no specific tāngata considerations relating to this aspect of the Council's Representation Review.

6.3 Financial impact

There are no financial impacts relating to the decisions in this paper.

6.4 Community Engagement requirements

Community consultation was undertaken on the Initial Proposal, and the Council's Final Proposal will be publicly notified in order to allow members of the public to object or make an appeal.

6.5 Risks

As with all council decisions, the Council needs to carefully consider the views of the community in their decision-making. The risk of not doing so could result in the community having a negative view of Council.

There is a risk of not meeting the statutory deadlines if Council fails to make a decision on the Final Proposal at the Council meeting on 18 September 2024.

6.6 Wellbeings

There are no specific wellbeing's (social, cultural, environmental or economic) that relate to the decisions in this report.

7. RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

2. **Receives** the report.
3. **Agrees** to recommend to Council the following Final Proposal for the Representation Review, for consideration at the Council meeting on 18 September 2024.

(a)

File Number: 411751

Author: Karon Ashforth, Corporate Services Manager

Attachments:

1. Results of community consultation on the Initial Proposal [↓](#)
2. Rep Review Council paper 26 June 2024 re the Initial Proposal [↓](#)
3. Rep Review Statement of Proposal [↓](#)

Results from consultation on CDC's Initial Proposal - Representation Review

	Name	Organisation [if applicable]	Contact you re submission?	Attend the Hearing in person?	Are you a Carterton resident?	Are you a Carterton ratepayer?	If you are a Carterton ratepayer, which kind of rate do you pay?	Do you agree with the Initial Proposal?	Would you like to provide comment to support your answer?	Do you have any further comments on the proposed representation arrangements?
1	Hank Optland	Ozki One Limited	No	No	Yes	Yes	Urban	Yes	Carterton District Council is one of the smallest in New Zealand as far as population goes. This makes Carterton's local government LOCAL which is a great benefit. This also means that the Council has to run a 'lean and efficient' enterprise. One way to do this is to limit the number of councillors to just seven or eight. Boards work efficiently with such a number. For this reason, I support the current proposal to have eight councillors and a mayor elected across the whole district.	Nil.
2	Sean Roberts		No	No	Yes	Yes	Urban	No	It seems council has made its mind up with 8 at large. So submissions are a box ticking exercise. 6 councillors should be sufficient for a town this size, if not 5.	I'd like those standing for council to clearly signal what political party they align to and if they receive any donations from a political party.
3	Robert Efford		No	No	Yes	Yes	Urban	Yes	In a small town I consider this to be the best way to be able to select a candidate I consider to best represent me.	No
4	Ron Shaw		No	No	Yes	Yes	Urban	Yes	No	No
5	Carterton District Youth Council		No	No	Yes	No		No	We collectively agree that having 8 representatives and the mayor is currently effective for the population but we do not agree with not establishing any community boards because we feel the communities of interest, Rural and Maori, could be better represented with the establishment of boards.	We think with the non-establishment of wards, Rural and Maori, and with boards not being established; the council should continue to develop better relationships and communication with these groups before the next review so that they can have a better knowledge of their perspectives.
6	Audrey Dench		No	No	Yes	Yes	Urban	No	Carterton's demographics have changed over the past decade with rapid growth in urban areas. Carterton has been increasingly attractive to the remote work and commuter population. An urban ward should be implemented to reflect and represent the interests of suburban residents, urban businesses and families.	Māori representation must be preserved, protected and respected. Toitū te tiriti.



7.1 REPRESENTATION REVIEW INITIAL PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTATION

1. PURPOSE

For Council to agree the Initial Proposal for the Representation Review that will go out for consultation.

2. SIGNIFICANCE

The matters for decision in this report are considered to be of 'medium' significance under the Significance and Engagement Policy. A consultation process is required as per the Local Electoral Act 2001.

3. BACKGROUND

In order to ensure that Carterton District Council has fair and effective representation at local government elections, the Local Electoral Act 2001 requires councils to review their representation and electoral arrangements at least every six years.

Council last conducted a representation review in 2017/18 ahead of the 2019 local elections. Over the last year a review has been undertaken for the elections to be held in 2025 and 2028.

A representation review looks at:

- how many councillors represent the district
- whether councillors are elected from wards, 'at-large' (by the district as a whole), or a mixed system of wards and 'at large'
- The names and boundaries of any wards
- whether community boards should be established.

As a preliminary part of the Representation Review, the Council also considered related matters including the voting system to be used (either by 'First Past the Post' or 'Single Transferable Voting') and the option of establishing a Māori ward(s).

A representation review needs to ensure that our local communities are represented fairly, with each councillor representing approximately the same number of people. The following three key factors are considered in the review:

- What are Carterton's communities of interest?
- How can these communities be effectively represented?
- How can these communities be fairly represented?

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Decisions made in this representation review will apply to the next two elections in 2025 and 2028 unless Council decides to undertake another full representation review in 2027 to take effect in the 2028 elections.

4. COUNCIL'S REVIEW PROCESS

Stephen Hill from Electionz.com was engaged to assist staff in facilitating the Council's representation review process.

An internal working group was established to work through the Local Government Commission Guidelines and consider options to bring back to Council for consideration. The working group met 11 times and comprised of the Manager of Corporate Services, Stephen Hill from Electionz.com, the Communications and Engagement Manager and the Democratic Services Officer.

Six workshops were held with councillors. Table 1 outlines the workshop dates and the recommendations that were referred to Council for a decision.

5. PAST COUNCIL DECISIONS

In 1989 Carterton District Council (CDC) was originally divided into four wards being three rural wards (Tararua Ward, Parkvale Ward and Maungaraki Ward), and a ward based in the town of Carterton (Carterton Ward).

These wards were reduced to two in 1998 (Urban and Rural), and then in 2012 the council decided to adopt an at large system of representation.

At-large elections have been in place since for the 2013, 2016, 2019 and 2022 elections with eight councillor positions plus the Mayor - to make a total of nine (9) elected members on Council.

6. CRITERIA TO ASSIST WITH DECISION-MAKING

Legislation requires Council to consider a number of factors when reviewing representation arrangements.

Community of interest

The concept of a community of interest is not defined in the Local Electoral Act but good practice guidelines suggest that a community of interest is a three-dimensional concept involving:

- Perceptual—a sense of belonging to a clearly defined area or locality
- Functional—meets the community's requirements for physical and human services
- Political—the ability of the elected body to represent the interest and reconcile the conflicts of all its members.

Further, a community of interest has:

- a sense of community identity and belonging reinforced by:
 - distinctive physical features
 - similarities in economic or social activities carried out in the area
 - similarities in demographic, socio-economic and/or ethnic characteristics of the residents
 - distinct local history of the area.
- dependence on shared facilities, such as schools, recreational and cultural facilities, retail outlets, transport, and communication links.

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Effective representation

Effective representation takes into account the ability of elected members to represent each identified community of interest and is a consideration when determining the number of elected members.

The Council must also consider the basis of election, that is, whether elected members are elected by wards, at large (by the whole district) or a combination of wards and at large.

A ward system of representation is typically used when there are distinct areas within the district that are considered to have unique characteristics or communities of interest.

At large representation is typically found when there is a shared, common community of interest at a district level, and/or communities of interest are spread across the district rather than being geographically distinct.

Fair representation - the +/- 10% rule

Legislation requires that to provide approximate population equality per member, Council must ensure that the population of each ward, divided by the number of members to be elected by that ward, produces a figure no more than 10% greater or smaller than the population of the district divided by the total number of elected members (excluding the Mayor).

Using data from the Stats NZ June 2023 population estimates the Carterton District's population was estimated to be 10,250. Using this figure, with eight councillors, the number of residents per councillor must not exceed (plus or minus) 10% of 1,281.

Community Boards

Council is also required to determine whether community boards are (or would be) appropriate to provide fair and effective representation within the district. Community boards are established typically to represent a smaller area within the Council "to ensure smaller communities' voices aren't lost in the big picture conversations/kōrero" (LGNZ).

7. RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROCESS TO DATE

Table 1 provides a summary of the workshops undertaken with elected members and the outcomes to date. All workshops were open to the public.

Preliminary decisions:

- At the Council meeting on 28 June 2023 council resolved to retain the First Past the Post (FPP) system of voting.
- At the Council meeting on 25 October 2023 Council resolved to not establish a Māori Ward.

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Table 1 – Representation Review Workshops and decisions made.

Date	Workshop Topic	Purpose	Outcome
7 June 2023	Voting system	To understand the two voting systems - First Past the Post /FPP and Single Transferable Voting /STV.	<u>Council meeting 28 June 2023</u> Resolved to retain the First Past the Post (FPP) system
19 July 2023	Overview	To understand the Representation Review process and timelines	
26 September 2023	Māori representation	To discuss the establishment of a Māori Ward.	<u>Council meeting 25 October 2023</u> Resolved to not establish a Māori Ward
13 March 2024	Representation Review	To understand the population changes since 2018 and communities of interest within the district and identify initial options to be worked up by council officers for further consideration.	
24 April 2024	Representation Review	To provide guidance to staff on representation review options for preliminary consultation with the public.	Feedback was sought on the following three options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status Quo - 8 elected members elected at large and the mayor • Option 2A – Rural and Urban Wards – Urban = 5 members, Rural = 3 members, plus the mayor • Option 5 – Urban/Rural/At large – Urban = 3 members, Rural = 2 members, at large = 3 members, plus the mayor
5 June 2024	Representation Review	To understand the results of preliminary consultation and consider the Initial Proposal to be confirmed at the Council meeting on 26 June 2024.	The results identified that a majority were in favour of the status quo representation arrangement of 8 councillors elected at large, and the mayor. There was a consensus from the workshop for staff to present this option at the <u>Council meeting on 26 June 2024</u> , outlining the steps taken to come to this decision.

8. COUNCIL REPRESENTATION OPTIONS

For the purpose of this aspect of the Representation Review, Council officers were asked to use demographic and other data to develop representation options for preliminary consultation with the community.

A reduction in the number of councillors to six was discussed, but not progressed. The following was noted:

- With a smaller number of councillors the share of work would be larger, however there would be challenges when a member is absent or unavailable.
- The existing number of councillors was considered appropriate to ensure effective representation, taking into account the size of the district and the range of interests represented.
- Council noted that remuneration for councillors in each council is set independently by the Remuneration Authority. The full amount must be divided between the councillors and so any change in the number of councillors would not have a material impact on rates.

The workable representation options discussed with councillors included 10 possible structures, of which five met, or were close to meeting the requirements set down by the Local Government Commission, in particular the fair representation requirement to have an elected member per every 1,281 person in Carterton, within plus or minus 10 per cent based on eight councillors.

Three of these options were discussed as viable for public feedback. These were:

- Option 1A – eight (8) Councillors, elected at large [representing the entire District].
- Option 2A – eight (8) Councillors, divided into two wards: one Urban [five councillors] and one Rural [three Councillors].
- Option 5A – eight (8) Councillors, divided into one Urban Ward, [three Councillors] and one Rural Ward [two Councillors], plus three at large Councillors.

9. RESULTS FROM PRE-CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMUNITY

The options above were put out for preliminary consultation to the community for a three-week period from 6 to 26 May 2024. Engagement was led primarily using an on-line survey. In total 30 submissions were received.

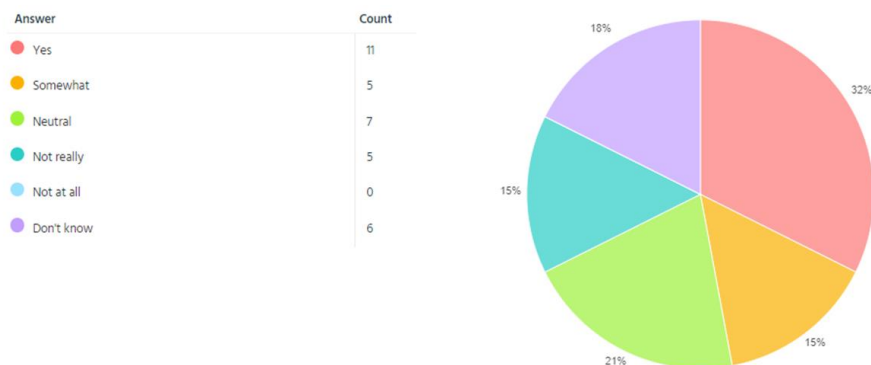
In addition, an informal Facebook Poll was undertaken on the evening of 8 May with 110 votes received.

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The results were as follows:

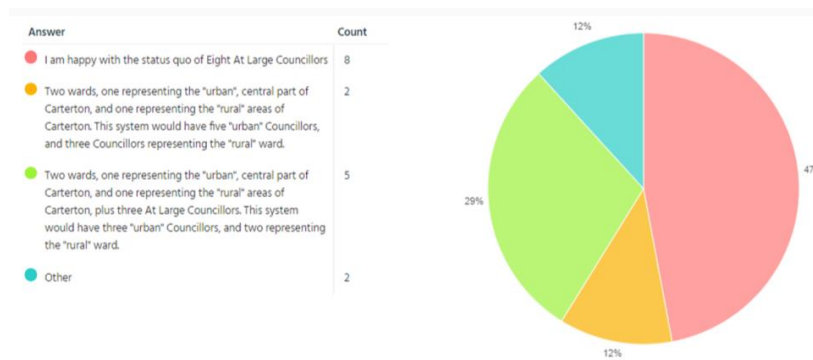
Question 1 - Do you feel that the current arrangement of 8 at large Councillors is working well?



The results to this question were that a majority identified 'Yes', 'Somewhat', and 'Neutral' – 23 respondents. Five respondents identified 'Not really' and six identified 'Don't know'.

Question 2 - Here are some options we could consider to use in Carterton. Let us know which you prefer or suggest something else.

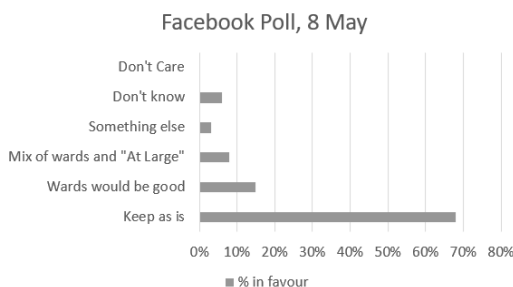
- The status quo with 8 at large councillors
- Two wards, one representing the "urban", central part of Carterton with five "urban" Councillors, and one representing the "rural" areas of Carterton, with three Councillors.
- Two wards, one representing the "urban", central part of Carterton, and one representing the "rural" areas of Carterton, plus three at large Councillors.



The results to this question were that a majority identified support of the status quo option with 8 at large councillors.

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Informal Facebook Poll 8 May

The results of this Facebook poll were that a majority identified they preferred the status quo of eight (8) Councillors elected at large, and the Mayor.

Overall, from those that responded there appeared to be no appetite for significant change, with a majority supporting the status quo of eight (8) Councillors elected at large, and that community boards are not established.

10. DISCUSSION**Demographics**

Since 2018 there has been an increase in the population of 11.4% in Carterton, but otherwise no significant changes in demographics between the rural and urban communities. A geographic analysis of property types identified an increase in the number of "lifestyle" blocks in the district and noted that these are distributed evenly across the district. Council noted this tends to support the retention of an at large basis of election.

Community of interest – Rural

A significant community of interest in Carterton is the rural community.

Feedback on the representation review was sought from the Rural Advisory Group on 7 February and 3 April 2024. Their feedback was as follows:

- With a ward-based system there is a tendency for councillors to make decisions based on their ward, not for the district as a whole. In 2012 CDC made the decision to move from a rural/urban ward system to an at large system as councillors are required to make the best decisions for the district as a whole. The at large system has been in place since then.
- Farmers usually work independently and find it hard to take time off for council duties.
- There was a general feeling that there should be no change to the number of councillors and the current at large system.
- As part of the representation review, in order to have a stronger voice and formal decision-making responsibility consideration could be given to transitioning the Rural Advisory Group to a Rural Committee of Council.

Previous council experience supports the views of the Rural Advisory Group that it had been difficult to fill the available councillor places in rural wards. A by-election for a rural seat has been held on at least one occasion. In the 2018 representation review a paper to Council identified that one rationale for supporting at large council representation was to ensure that “an election occurs for every seat”.

Community boards

Carterton District has never had community boards and this option has not been raised by the public. The district has some small pockets of population outside the urban area, the most significant being Gladstone. The remainder are spread fairly evenly across the district. There does not appear to be a sufficiently distinct community area that would benefit from establishing its own community board. Feedback from preliminary consultation did not support the establishment of a community board.

It is recommended that community boards are not established.

11. RECOMMENDED OPTION

Council officers recommend the Initial Proposal to be notified for formal consultation with the community is that the Council comprises the Mayor and eight (8) Councillors, all elected at large.

12. NEXT STEPS

By legislation Council is required to resolve the Initial Proposal no later than 31 July 2024, and public notice on the Initial Proposal is given within 14 days of the resolution, or no later than 8 September 2024.

Assuming a decision is made at this Council meeting it is planned to notify the Initial Proposal on Wednesday 3 July and undertake a period of formal consultation for one month, from Wednesday 3 July to Sunday 4 August 2024.

The Consultation Document is in **Attachment 1**.

The hearings and deliberations that follow are planned to be held on Tuesday 20 August 2024.

The planned timelines and statutory deadlines are shown below.

	CDC planned timetable	Statutory deadline
Planned notification of Initial Proposal – and consultation opens (14 days from resolution)	Wednesday 3 July	By 8 August
Public submissions close (not less than one month after notification)	Sunday 4 August	By 8 September
Hearings and deliberations	20 August	
Council meeting to adopt Final Proposal	18 September	By 3 November
Notification of the Final Proposal (8 weeks after end of submission period)	By 4 October	By 3 November
Appeals/objections on the Final Proposal close		By 3 December
If there are appeals/objections – the last date for a determination by the Local Government Commission is:		By 10 April 2025

13. CONSIDERATIONS

13.1 Climate change

There are no climate change considerations relating to the decisions in this report.

13.2 Tāngata whenua

The matters in this report will be of interest to Māori, however there are so specific considerations for Māori related to this aspect of the representation review.

13.3 Financial impact

There are no financial considerations relating to the decisions in this report. The cost of remuneration for elected members is paid from district rates, based on a pool set independently by the Remuneration Authority. Any change in the number of councillors would have no impact on rates as the full remuneration pool would be redistributed among the elected members.

13.4 Community Engagement requirements

The community engagement requirements related to the decisions in this report are discussed in this paper.

13.5 Risks

By legislation, council is required to adopt the Initial Proposal related to representation by 31 July 2024.

14. RECOMMENDATION

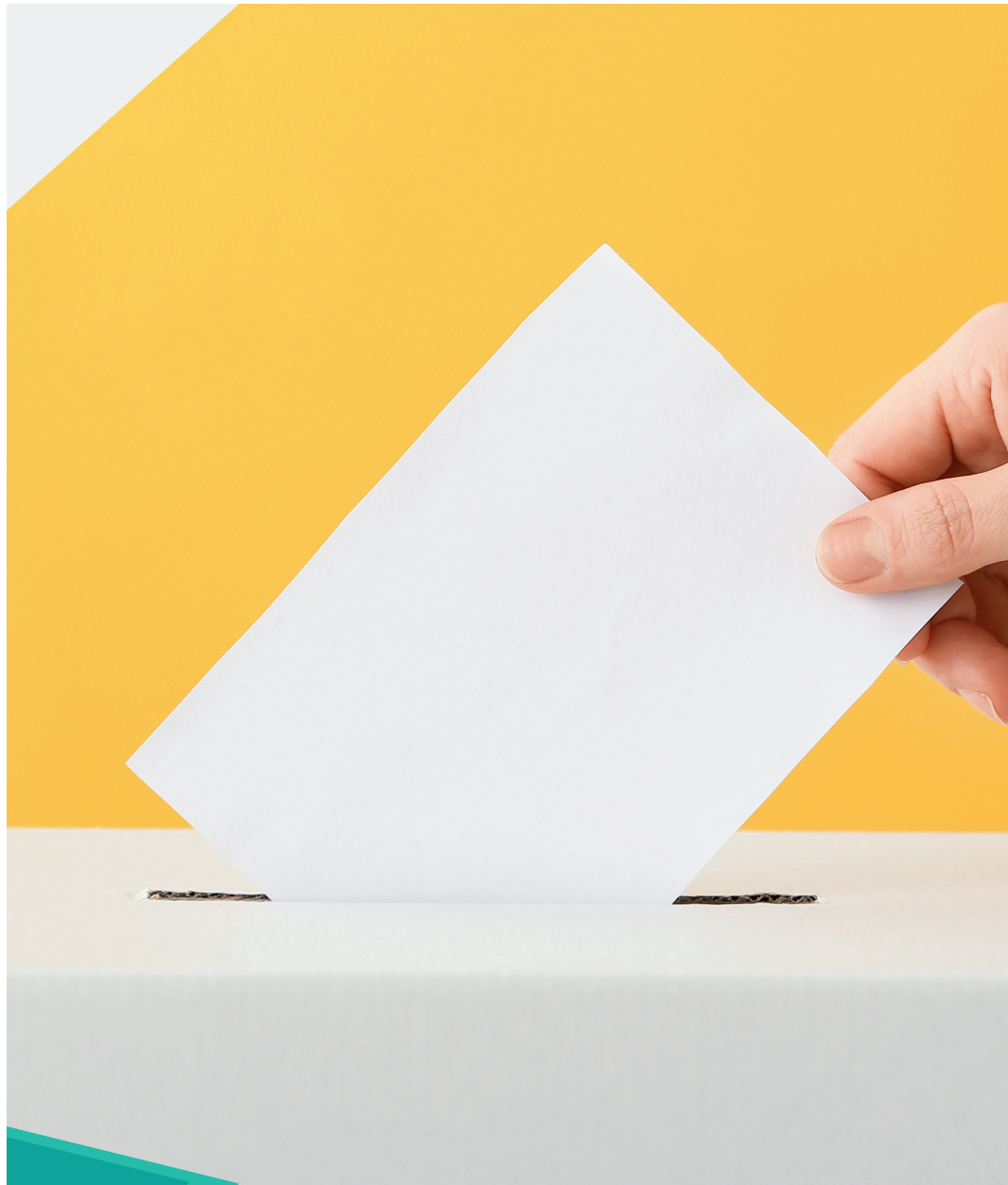
That the Council:

1. **Receives** the report.
2. **Agrees** the Initial Proposal for formal consultation with the community is the following:
 - (a) That the Carterton District Council comprises the Mayor and eight (8) Councillors, all elected at large.
 - (b) That no community boards are established.
3. **Adopts** the Representation Review Statement of Proposal (SOP) Consultation Document as the basis for public consultation.
4. **Authorises** the Mayor and Chief Executive to approve any minor amendments to the Representation Review Statement of Proposal (SOP) Consultation Document.
5. **Agrees** that the Hearings Committee which will hear the oral submissions and deliberate on both the Initial and Final Proposal as part of this aspect of the Representation Review will be a Hearings Committee of the Whole that includes all elected members.
6. **Notes** that when the Final Proposal is agreed this is expected to be in place for the next two elections in 2025 and 2028 unless another full representation review is undertaken.

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Attachments: 1. Representation Review Statement of Proposal



REPRESENTATION REVIEW

STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

JULY 2024

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The Initial Proposal

On 26 June 2024, Carterton District Council reviewed its representation arrangements and resolved that the following Proposal applies for the Council elections to be held on 11 October 2025:

It is proposed that the Council comprises of eight [8] elected members, and the Mayor, all elected At Large [from the whole District]. This would be no change to current representation arrangements.

Current arrangements

At Large elections have been in place for the 2013, 2016, 2019 and 2022 elections. There are eight councillor positions plus the Mayor, all elected At Large, to make nine elected members on Council.

Why have a review?

Over the past year, Council has conducted a review of representation arrangements for the elections to be held in 2025 and 2028.

To ensure fair and effective representation at local government elections, the Local Electoral Act 2001 requires councils to review their representation and electoral arrangements at least every six years.

Council last conducted a Representation Review in 2017/18 ahead of the 2019 and 2022 local elections.

A review must ensure local communities are represented fairly and effectively.

The following three key factors are considered in the Review:

- What are Carterton's communities of interest?
- How can these communities be effectively represented?
- How can these communities be fairly represented?

Review requirements

A Representation Review must determine:

- how many councillors represent the district.
- whether councillors are elected from wards, 'At Large' (by the District as a whole), or a mixed system of wards or 'at large'.
- if wards are established, what are the boundaries and names of the wards, and the number of members elected from each.
- whether community boards are established.
- a review the voting system, whether by 'First Past the Post' or 'Single Transferable Voting' and;
- the option of establishing a Māori ward(s).

Council resolved to retain the First Past the Post (FPP) system of voting on 28 June 2023, and not to establish a Māori Ward on 25 October 2023.

If wards are established there is a requirement for an equitable population per councillor ratio, sometimes referred to as the 'plus or minus 10% rule'. This requirement does not apply in At Large elections, as all councillors are elected across the entire District.

How did we get here?

Councillors reviewed a number of possible representation options for preliminary consultation with the community.

From an initial 10 possible structures, three options were discussed as viable for public feedback. These were:

- **Option 1A** - eight [8] Councillors, elected At Large [representing the entire District].
- **Option 2A** - eight [8] Councillors, divided into two wards: one “Urban” [five councillors] and one “Rural” [three Councillors].
- **Option 5A** - eight [8] Councillors, divided into one “Urban” Ward, [three councillors] and one “Rural” Ward [two Councillors], plus three “At Large” Councillors.

All options also include the Mayor, elected at large.

No community boards were proposed to be established.

Feedback from the community during preliminary consultation indicated a majority of people felt the existing arrangements were working well, and a majority supported retaining the status quo. Community feedback did not indicate support for community boards.

Councillors noted the current number of elected members was considered appropriate for meeting the needs of the community, and the at large system would also provide for communities of interest that are dispersed across the district, such as residents on ‘lifestyle’ blocks, for example.

Feedback from the Council’s Rural Advisory Group supported retaining the existing at large system of representation.

Based on these factors the Council adopted option 1A as its initial proposal for consultation.

You can find more information about the options considered and preliminary consultation at cdc.govt.nz/representationreview2024

Our Review process

13 March



Public workshop to understand the population changes since 2018, identify communities of interest, and initial options.

24 April



Public workshop to discuss options ahead of recommendation to Council for preliminary consultation with the public.

5 June



Public workshop to share preliminary consultation results and consider the Initial Proposal to be confirmed by Council.

26 June



Council resolution accepts Initial Proposal of eight Councillors elected At Large, and the Mayor.

3 July



Consultation period on Initial Proposal opens.

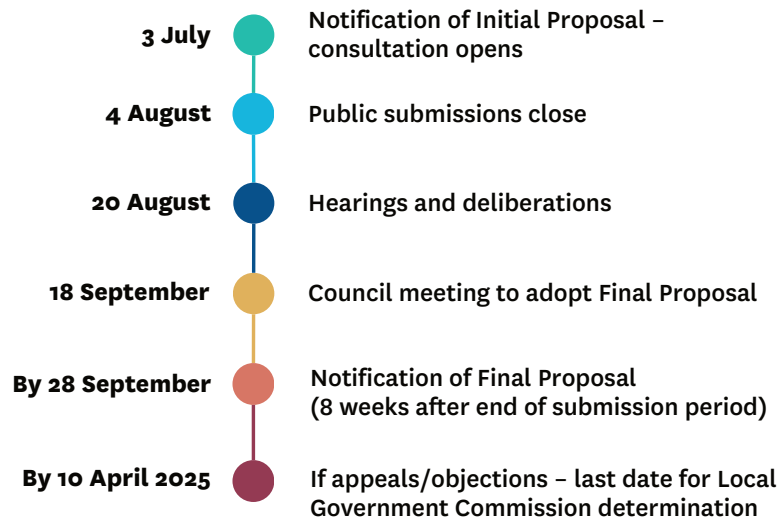
Will this proposal affect my rates?

This proposal will not have an impact on rates.

The cost of councillor remuneration is based on a pool set independently by the Remuneration Authority.

Even if the number of councillors were to change, the remuneration pool would remain the same, and be redistributed among the elected members.

What happens next?



The Initial Proposal and The Final Proposal

Once the Initial Proposal has been publicly notified in July, we will welcome public submissions. A submission form is available below.

Council will then hold hearings [if requested] and deliberations on those submissions.

Council will then consider these options for the Final Proposal, likely in September, when that decision will be publicly notified. Appeals or objections to that decision may be lodged with the Council no later than 3 December 2024.

Any objections or appeals will be referred to the Local Government Commission [LGC] which will then consider those objections and appeals.

In this case, the LGC will need to make its determination by 10 April 2025. If there are no appeals or objections, the Council's proposal becomes final and the new representation arrangements will take effect for the next elections, to be held on 11 October 2025.

How do I find out more?



Online

- www.lgc.govt.nz/our-work/representation-reviews
- www.cdc.govt.nz/representationreview2024



Phone

06 379 4030



Email

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How do I have my say?



Complete one of our online submission forms at:
www.cdc.govt.nz/representationreview2024



Email your submission or feedback to:
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Complete the paper submission form at the end of this document, or from our Council office at
28 Holloway Street, Carterton



Post your paper copy to
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Submission Form: Representation Review Initial Proposal

Please provide your feedback by Sunday 4 August

Your Details [Required]

Full name

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Organisation (if applicable)

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Postal address

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Phone

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Email

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Would you like someone to contact you about your submission?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you like to participate in the hearing process?

☐ Yes (in person) ☐ Yes (online) ☐ No

Are you a Carterton Resident?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a Carterton ratepayer?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

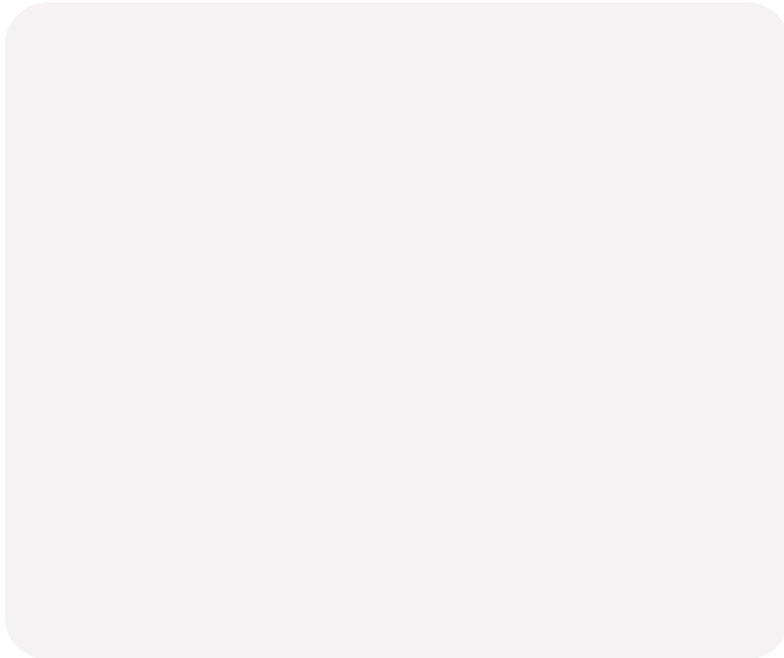
If you are a Carterton ratepayer, which kind of rate do you pay?

☐ Urban ☐ Rural ☐ Commercial/Industrial

1 Council proposes to retain the existing representation arrangements, which comprises 8 [eight] Councillors and the Mayor, all elected by the District as a whole (At Large). No community boards are to be established. Do you agree with the Initial Proposal?

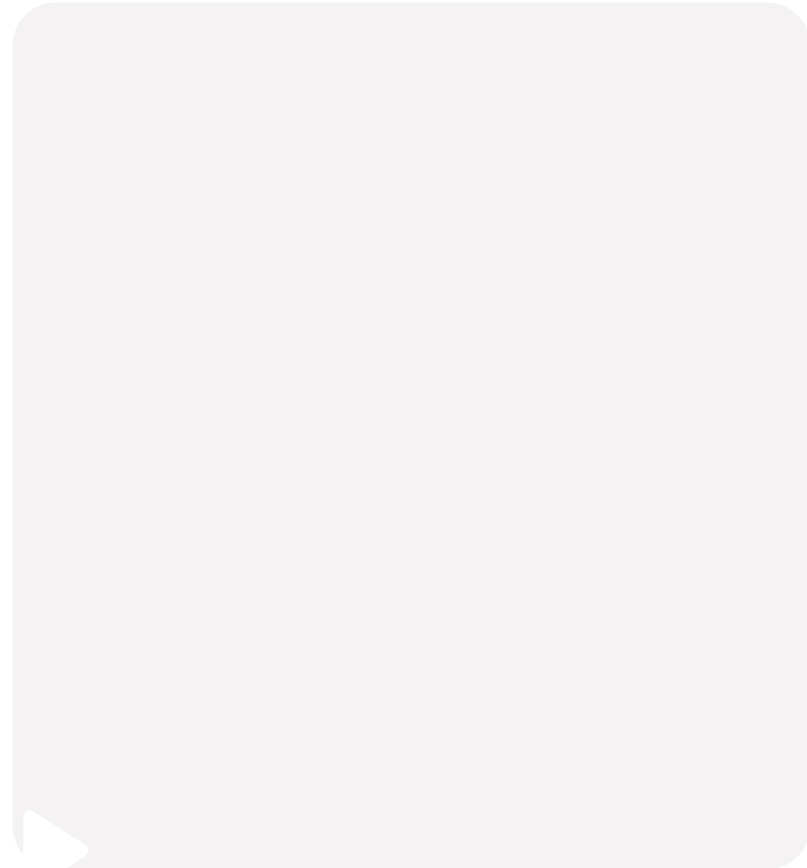
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Neutral

Would you like to provide comment to support your answer?
[You can supply attachments or additional pages as required.]



2 Do you have any further comments on the proposed representation arrangements?

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