

**MINUTES OF CARTERTON DISTRICT COUNCIL
COUNCIL WORKSHOP
HELD AT THE CARTERTON EVENTS CENTRE, 50 HOLLOWAY ST, CARTERTON
ON WEDNESDAY, 24 APRIL 2024 AT 9:00 AM**

PRESENT: Mayor Ron Mark, Deputy Mayor Dale Williams, Cr Brian Deller, Cr Steve Cretney, Cr Grace Ayling, Cr Lou Newman, Cr Steve Laurence, Cr Steve Gallon

IN ATTENDANCE: Geoff Hamilton (Chief Executive), Karon Ashforth (Corporate Services Manager), Johannes Ferreira (Infrastructure Services Manager), Solitaire Robertson (Planning and Regulatory Services Manager), Marcus Anselm (Communications and Engagement Manager), Robyn Blue (Democratic Services Officer)

1 APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Cr Robyn Cherry-Campbell.

2 REPORTS

4.1 REPRESENTATION REVIEW WORKSHOP

1. PURPOSE

As part of the Representation Review, for Councillors to work through the representation options that will be used for engaging with the community and seeking their feedback.

At the previous workshop council officers were asked to use demographic data to develop representation options for preliminary engagement with the community.

The workable options 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 requirement to have an elected member per every 1281 person in Carterton, or within 10 per cent higher or lower of this figure for 8 councillors.

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

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

It is noted that the remuneration for councillors in each council is set by the Remuneration Authority. The full amount must be divided between the councillors and so a reduction in the number of councillors does not provide any savings.

While these options offer the most workable solutions presented, in the preliminary engagement period Council will listen to the feedback from the community on all representation options, including the number of councillors, number of wards, and also whether or not community boards should be established.

Preliminary engagement with the community opens on Monday 6 May and runs to Sunday 26 May.

A 'webinar' Question and Answer session with the public will be held 7.30pm Friday 16 May.