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AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, 26 June 2018
Time:	9.00am
Venue:	Council Chamber Ground Floor Civic Administration Building Lyndon Road East Hastings

Council Members	Chair: Mayor Hazlehurst Councillors Barber, Dixon, Harvey, Heaps, Kerr, Lawson, Lyons, Nixon, O'Keefe, Poulain, Redstone, Schollum, Travers and Watkins
Officer Responsible	Chief Executive – Mr R McLeod
Council Secretary	Mrs C Hunt (Extn 5634)

HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 26 JUNE 2018

VENUE:	Council Chamber Ground Floor Civic Administration Building Lyndon Road East Hastings

TIME: 9.00am

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1. Prayer

2. Apologies & Leave of Absence

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

3. Seal Register

4. Conflict of Interest

Members need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a Member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to Members to scan the agenda and assess their own private interests and identify where they may have a pecuniary or other conflict of interest, or where there may be perceptions of conflict of interest.

If a Member feels they <u>do</u> have a conflict of interest, they should publicly declare that at the start of the relevant item of business and withdraw from participating in the meeting. If a Member thinks they <u>may</u> have a conflict of interest, they can seek advice from the Chief Executive or Executive Advisor/Manager: Office of the Chief Executive (preferably before the meeting).

It is noted that while Members can seek advice and discuss these matters, the final decision as to whether a conflict exists rests with the member.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Council Meeting held Monday 11 June 2018. (*Previously circulated*)

- 6. Review of Representation Arrangements for the Hastings District - Further Report Following Receipt of Submissions -Hearing of Submissions
- 7. Additional Business Items
- 8. Extraordinary Business Items

REPORT TO:	COUNCIL
MEETING DATE:	TUESDAY 26 JUNE 2018
FROM:	DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT MANAGER JACKIE EVANS
SUBJECT:	REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE HASTINGS DISTRICT - FURTHER REPORT FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF SUBMISSIONS - HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to bring to the Council for hearing the submissions received regarding the Council's review of representation and for the Council to determine its final representation proposal.
- 1.2 The submissions relate to the Council's resolutions passed on Tuesday 22 March 2018 regarding the Hastings District representation arrangements for the local government elections to be held on Saturday 12 October 2019.
- 1.3 This report should be read in conjunction with the public notice and public information attached as **Attachment 1**.
- 1.4 This report should be read in conjunction with the 22 March 2018 Council report **(Attachment 2)** which covered Council resolutions, the legislation provisions, the Local Government Commission Guidelines and the process and considerations which had been undertaken as part of the representation review.
- 1.5 The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as prescribed by Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose is to meet the current and future needs of communities for good quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses. Good quality means infrastructure, services and performance that are efficient and effective and appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances.
- 1.6 Those persons who indicated that they wished to speak to their submissions have been invited to attend the meeting from 9.00 am and speak to their submissions as well as to answer questions from councillors.
- 1.7 In reaching its decision, the Council is required to ensure compliance with the provisions of sections 19T and 19V of the Local Electoral Act 2001 to ensure that effective representation of communities of interest is provided and fair representation for each ward or subdivision is achieved.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Council completed its review of representation arrangement for the Hastings District (including community boards) by 22 March 2018 to enable time to meet the statutory deadlines for the 2019 elections.

- 2.2 Council considered this matter at its 28 September 2017, 14 December 2017 and 22 March 2018 meetings, and received information that covered Council resolutions, the legislation provisions, community boards, the Local Government Commission Guidelines.
- 2.3 Following the meeting of 22 March 2018, the Council's decisions regarding representation were publicly advertised as per Attachment 1 and submissions called for. Submissions closed on Friday 18 May 2018.
- 2.4 The Public Notice was published in Hawke's Bay Today on 6 April 2018 and again on 11 May 2018 advising that submissions were closing on 18 May 2018. In addition the proposed changes were publicised on the Council website (My Choice My Voice), through targeted adverts on facebook and a radio campaign. A flyer was delivered to all households in the five affected meshblocks and information packs were available at the Council's reception area and local libraries

3.0 CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 The current situation is that the Council has resolved to have 14 councillors (plus the Mayor) in a ward-based system as follows:
 - 1 Councillor representing the Mohaka Ward
 - 1 Councillor representing the Kahuranaki Ward
 - 2 Councillors representing the Heretaunga Ward
 - 2 Councillors representing the Flaxmere Ward
 - 8 Councillors representing the Hastings/Havelock North Ward
- 3.2 There are minor changes to the ward boundaries comprising four meshblocks being taken out of the Heretaunga Ward and put into the Hastings/Havelock North Ward, and 1 meshblock being taken out of the Kahuranaki Ward and placed in the Hastings/Havelock North Ward to incorporate suburban development on the outskirts of Hastings and Havelock North within the urban wards.
- 3.3 The resolutions also continue to provide for a Rural Community Board of six elected members comprising the Mohaka and Kahuranaki Ward councillors plus one member each coming from the Tutira, Kaweka, Maraekakaho and Poukawa subdivisions. One meshblock has been taken out of Poukawa subdivision to keep continuity with Hastings/Havelock North ward boundary.
- 3.4 The Council received the following submissions:
 - Peter Church against the amalgamation of Hastings and Havelock North and feels that as a long term Havelock Resident he has lost the personal close representation that he used to enjoy (see Attachment 3);
 - Rion Roben against extending the individual parts of Hastings/Havelock North and would prefer separating the two areas as wards or connecting the two zones (see Attachment 4);

- Ken Kibblewhite advocates combining Flaxmere with Hastings/Havelock North. Maintaining separate representation has not improved Flaxmere's deprivation score and its electors need to have a say in the election of all urban councillors (see Attachment 5);
- 4. Michael Smiley supports proposed changes (see Attachment 6);
- 5. Ingrid Meulenbrugge supports proposed changes but is concerned about the amount of traffic on Howard Street (see **Attachment 7**);
- 6. Jim Galloway supports retention of Rural Community Board which works well (see **Attachment 8**);
- 7. Keith Simes would like the Hasting Havelock North ward to be split as the interests of the two communities are different. (see **Attachment 9**);
- 8. Thomas Towler agrees with the proposals (see Attachment 10);
- 9. Jon Eames would like his area (4km along the Waimarama Road) to be included in the Havelock North Ward (see **Attachment** 11);
- 10. Mark Sutton supports the proposals as a good even distribution (see **Attachment 12**);
- 11.Chris Johnson (2 submissions) would like Havelock North to be a separate ward due to its population and unique community of interest (see Attachment 13);
- 12. Phillip MacDonald strongly opposes Maori Wards (see Attachment 14);
- 13. Brian Martin supports the logical and practical amendments (see **Attachment 15**); and
- 14. Barry Pulford supports the way the current 2 Flaxmere councillors are elected at present (see **Attachment 16**).
- 3.5 All of the above submitters were written to and given the opportunity to speak to their submissions. The following indicated that they wished to speak:
 - Rion Roben
 - Ken Kibblewhite
 - Chis Johnson

- 3.6 The Council must now hear and consider these submissions it has received and make decisions on representation based upon those submissions. As the Council did not receive any submission arguing for a completely "at large" representation system, or to change the overall numbers of elected representatives, the Council can no longer look at these issues.
- 3.7 The submitters have been given up to ten minutes each to present their submission. Once the Council has considered the submissions it can resolve to accept or reject those submissions and can make such amendments to its original resolutions as it thinks fit on the basis of the submissions made. In other words, the Council's final decision must be based upon its original decisions or upon the submissions. It cannot adopt a different tack altogether, e.g. elections at large.
- 3.8 Once the Council has resolved on the submissions made, there will be a further public notice incorporating any amendments made and stating both the reasons for any amendments and the reason for any rejection of submissions. Submitters have the right of appeal against the Council's decision.
- 3.9 If the Council amends its original proposals in the light of the submissions, there is a right of objection given to the general public to any amended resolutions.
- 3.10 If there are no changes to the proposal, and none of the submitters appeal, then the Council's original decision becomes the final proposal that will apply to the 2019 elections.
- 3.11 If there are appeals by submitters (or objections to an amended proposal), the Local Government Commission will determine the Council's representation arrangements for 2019.

4.0 OPTIONS

- 4.1 The Council's **options** are, after hearing the submissions, to **confirm** its original resolutions, to **adopt** any proposal put forward by the submitters **or** to somehow **modify** its original resolutions on the basis of the submissions made.
- 4.2 It is up to the Council to determine what representation system it wants, based on its original decisions and the submissions, provided the final decision complies with the Local Electoral Act. It is **essential to give reasons** for the decisions reached.
- 4.3 In reaching its decision, the Council is required to ensure compliance with the provisions of sections 19T and 19V of the Local Electoral Act 2001 to ensure that effective representation of communities of interest is provided and fair representation for each ward or subdivision is achieved.

5.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

5.1 The only definite recommendation made is that this report be received. It is up to the Council to determine which system of representation it considers best provides for effective representation of communities of interest within Hastings District. The decision must also provide fair representation, the fundamental determinant of which is population equality within +/- 10% unless it can be demonstrated that effective representation would be limited by uniting within a ward 2 or more communities of interest with few communalities of interest.

6.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

- A) That the report of the Democratic Support Manager titled "Review of Representation Arrangements for the Hastings District - Further Report Following Receipt of Submissions - Hearing of Submissions" dated 25 October 2012 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 12th October 2013:

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For the following reason(s):

- C) That the submission from be accepted (rejected) for the following reason(s)
- D) That the submission from be accepted (rejected) for the following reason(s)

Attachments:

1	Public Notice	CG-05-16-18-28
2	Council Report 22 March 2018	CG-05-16-18-48
3	Submission #1 - Peter Church	CG-05-16-18-30
4	Submission #2 - Rion Roben	CG-05-16-18-31
5	Submission #3 - Ken Kibblewhite	CG-05-16-18-32
6	Submission #4 - Michael Smiley	CG-05-16-18-33
7	Submission #5 - Ingrid Meulenbrugge	CG-05-16-18-34
8	Submission #6 - Jim Galloway	CG-05-16-18-35
9	Submission #7 - Keith Simes	CG-05-16-18-36
10	Submission #8 - Thomas Towler	CG-05-16-18-37
11	Submission #9 - Jon Eames	CG-05-16-18-38
12	Subission #10 - Mark Sutton	CG-05-16-18-39
13	Submission #11 - Chris Johnson	CG-05-16-18-40
14	Submission #12 - Phillip MacDonald	CG-05-16-18-41
15	Submission #13 - Brian Martin	CG-05-16-18-42

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Hastings District Council

Initial proposal for representation arrangements for the 2019 local elections

On 22 March 2018 the Hastings District Council reviewed its representation arrangements, and resolved that the following proposal apply for the Council and its community board for the elections to be held on 12 October 2019:

Council Representation

It is proposed that the Council comprise 14 members elected from five wards, and the mayor. The five wards reflect the following identified communities of interest:

Ward	Communities
Hastings Havelock North	Hastings and Havelock North
Flaxmere	Flaxmere
Heretaunga	Clive, Haumoana, Te Awanga, Whakatu and Heretaunga Plains
Mohaka	Northern Rural Community of Hastings District
Kahuraniki	Southern Rural Community of Hastings District

The population that each member will represent is as follows:

Ward	Population (2017 population estimates)	Members	Population per member
Flaxmere	11,020	2	5,510
Hastings Havelock North	45,990	8	5,749
Heretaunga	11,160	2	5,580
Mohaka	5,700	1	5,700
Kahuraniki	5,980	1	5,980
Total	79,850	14	5,704

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the *Local Government Act 2001* the population that each member represents falls within the range of 5704 +/- 10% (5134 to 6274).

Community Board Representation

It is proposed that the following community board be elected:

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Rural Community Board

Community Board	Area of Community
Rural Community Board	The rural area of Hastings District within Kahuranaki and Mohaka Ward

The Rural Community Board will elect 4 members. The ward member for Mohaka and the ward member for Kahuraniki will be appointed to the Rural Community Board.

The Rural Community Board will be subdivided for electoral purposes as follows:

Subdivision	Area of Subdivision	
Tutira	Subdivision of Mohaka Ward	
Kaweka	Subdivision of Mohaka Ward	
Maraekakaho	Subdivision of Kahuraniki Ward	
Poukawa	Subdivision of Kahuraniki Ward	

The population that the member of each subdivision will represent is shown below:

Subdivision	Population (2017 population estimates)	Members	Population per member
Tutira	2,730	1	2,730
Kaweka	2,970	1	2,970
Maraekakaho	2,870	1	2,870
Poukawa	3,110	1	3,110
Total	11,680	4	2,920

The population each member of the community board represents falls within the range of 2920 +/- 10% (2628 – 3212) in accordance with section 19V(2) of the Act.

Further Information

Copies of the Council's resolution and maps setting out the areas of the proposed wards, communities and subdivisions may be viewed and obtained from:

- Customer Services Centre, Hastings District Council Civic Administration Building, 207 Lyndon Road East, Hastings
- Flaxmere Library
- Hastings Library
- Havelock North Library

Any queries regarding Council's decision should be directed to the Electoral Officer, Jackie Evans, 06 8715000, jackiee@hdc.govt.nz

Relevant information is also available on Council's website:

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www.hastingsdc.govt.nz

Submissions are invited

Persons with an interest in the proposed representation arrangements are invited to make written submissions on the Council's representation proposal.

Submissions are to be forwarded to:

Electoral Officer Hastings District Council Private Bag 9002 Hastings 4156

Email - jackiee@hdc.govt.nz

Submissions must be received by Council no later than 18 May 2018.

Ross McLeod Chief Executive

6 April 2018

REPORT TO:	COUNCIL
MEETING DATE:	THURSDAY 22 MARCH 2018
FROM:	DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT MANAGER JACKIE EVANS
SUBJECT:	REPRESENTATION REVIEW

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Council to resolve upon its representation arrangements for the Hastings District for the local government elections to be held in October 2019.
- 1,2 This report will cover Council resolutions, the legislation provisions, the Local Government Commission Guidelines and the process and considerations of the Representation Review Subcommittee established by the Council.
- 1.3 The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as prescribed by Section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose is to meet the current and future needs of communities for good quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost–effective for households and businesses. Good quality means infrastructure, services and performance that are efficient and effective and appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances.
- 1.4 The report concludes by recommending that the information be received and puts to the Council for consideration recommendations on representation arrangements for the 2019 local government elections.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council must conduct a complete review of representation (including community boards) and finish that review before 31 August 2018 to meet the statutory deadlines for the 2019 elections.
- 2.2 The Council last reviewed its representation, including community boards, prior to the 2013 elections. Under the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Council is required to review its representation only every second election, but may review it every election if it so wishes.
- 2.3 On 28 September 2017 the Council resolved to consider all the relevant issues under the Local Electoral Act and instructed the Chief Executive to develop a proposal or proposals for consideration by the Council. Council indicated that it wished to be involved at each stage through workshops and regular reports to Council
- 2.4 The review has proceeded under the provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001 ("the Act").

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- 2.5 The Act establishes the following principles:
 - (a) "Fair and effective representation for individuals and communities.
 - (b) All qualified persons have a reasonable and equal opportunity to -
 - (i) cast an informed vote:
 - (ii) nominate 1 or more candidates:
 - (iii) accept nominations as a candidate:
 - (c) Public confidence in, and public understanding of, local electoral processes through:
 - *(i) the provision of a regular election cycle:*
 - (ii) the provision of elections that are managed independently from the elected body:
 - (iii) protection of the freedom of choice of voters and the secrecy of the vote:
 - (iv) the provision of transparent electoral systems and voting methods and the adoption of procedures that produce certainty in electoral outcomes:
 - (v) the provision of impartial mechanisms for resolving disputed elections and polls".

Preconsultation

- 2.6 A workshop was held on 6 September 2017, which set out the scope of the representation review, and stressed the importance of council and community engagement in the development of the proposals. Officers have worked in accordance with the guidelines for representation reviews prepared by the Local Government Commission. These guidelines are very detailed and cover a large number of matters including the desirability of pre-consultation.
- 2.7 The workshop held on 6 September also considered the scope of the preconsultation which included current satisfaction levels with the number of Councillors, views on representation arrangements, ward structure and communities of interest, community boards and the level of support for Maori Wards from 2022.
- 2.8 The Council commissioned its pre-consultation through the Citizen's Panel and advertised through facebook and the Council's webpage for 6 weeks from 29 September – 16 November 2018. 353 responses were received and the results of the pre-consultation were presented to all Councillors at full Council on 14 December 2017.
- 2.9 The purpose of the consultation was to gather information on:
 - · Level of satisfaction with current arrangements

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- What distinct communities make up Hastings District
- Equality of current representation arrangements (are there areas which are under or over represented)
- Ward or At Large representatives (or a mixture)?
- Overall number of Councillors
- Community Boards (whether or not to have them, number and composition)
- Views on the introduction of Maori wards from 2022.
- 2.10 The headline results were:
 - 80% of the respondents are satisfied or very satisfied with the Council's current representation arrangements
 - Geo location is the most important factor for 'communities of interest'
 - Only 26% of respondents thought that all parts of the District were NOT equally represented.
 - 43% of respondents favoured councillors to be elected by ward, whilst 35% favoured a mix of ward and at large. Only 16% favoured at large councillor election.
 - 70% of respondents wanted no change to ward boundaries.
 - General satisfaction with the current representation arrangements 62% of respondents felt that the current size of the Council was about right, with 76% of respondents opting for 10 14 Councillors.
 - 41% of respondents favoured community boards 32% against.
 - 75% of respondents were not in favour of the introduction of Maori wards from 2022.
- 2.11 The survey was self-selected and cannot be regarded as completely representative of the whole community. However, it does provide an indication that there is general satisfaction with the current size and representation arrangements of the Council.
- 2.12 In addition 5 consultation meetings were held in the rural community. At these meetings there was unanimous support for the retention of the Rural Community Board.

Guidelines for undertaking a Representation Review

- 2.13 The guidelines identify the three key factors "that must be carefully considered by local authorities when determining their representation proposals", namely:
 - communities of interest
 - effective representation of communities of interest

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- fair representation of electors
- 2.12 The term "communities of interest" is not defined in the Local Electoral Act. However, the guidelines to assist local authorities in undertaking representation reviews identify three dimensions for recognising communities of interest:
 - perceptual: a sense of belonging to an area or locality
 - functional: the ability to meet the community's requirement for services
 - political: the ability to represent the interests and reconcile conflicts of the community.
- 2.13 The guidelines also note, with respect to the review, that "communities of interest may alter over time. Local authorities need to give careful attention to identifying current communities of interest."
- 2.14 Achievement of effective representation requires consideration of the identified communities of interest and the extent that these are geographically distinct and warrant specific representation.
- 2.15 The fundamental determinant of "fair representation" is population equality. The Act states that for territorial authorities ward populations and the populations of subdivisions of a community must not vary by more than plus or minus 10% in terms of the population per councillor ("the plus/minus 10% rule").
- 2.16 The guidelines summarise the **best practice** process for representation reviews, and suggest a 6-step process:
 - Step 1 Identify criteria for assessing need for review after three years.
 - Step 2 Consider preliminary consultation.
 - Step 3 Identify communities of interest.
 - Step 4 Determine effective representation for identified communities of interest of the district.
 - Step 5 Consider fairness of representation for electors of wards.
 - Step 6 Consider communities and community boards.
 - 2.17 The practical outcomes that need to emerge from the process of the review were:
 - the number of councillors (between 5 and 29 excluding the Mayor)
 - whether the councillors would be elected "at large" or in wards or a combination of those two

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- the names and boundaries of any wards
- if wards were used, the number of councillors per ward
- whether would be any communities and community boards
- the detailed representation arrangements for each community board (names, boundaries, number of members and any subdivisions of the community)

3.0 CURRENT SITUATION

3.1 Following formal consideration of the pre-consultation by Council on 14 December 2017 it was resolved:

That following Council's community pre-consultation, the preference is for the status quo and that minor work be undertaken on mesh blocks, as needed, to be presented to Council for consideration by the end of March 2018.

- 3.1 Statistics New Zealand has provided the Council with 2017 population estimates to mesh block level. These are the most up to date figures available until the release of the 2018 census data which will not be available until after the deadline for completion of this representation review.
- 3.2 The latest 2017 population estimates for Hastings District broken down to meshblock level on the current ward structure is as follows:

Ward	Population	Number of councillors per ward	Population per councillor	Deviation from district average population per councillor	Percentage deviation from district average population per councillor
Hastings- Havelock					
North	44,230	8	5,529	-175	-3.07%
Flaxmere	11,020	2	5,510	-194	-3.39%
Heretaunga	12,670	2	6,335	631	11.07%
Mohaka	5,700	1	5,700	-4	-0.06%
Kahuranaki	6,230	1	6,230	526	9.23%
Totals	79,850	14	5,704		

With the exception of Heretaunga, under the current boundaries all the wards remain within the +/-10% rule. The population growth in Heretaunga and Kahuranaki is due in part to greenfield development, and rural residential development on the fringes of Hastings and Havelock North. These communities tend to identify with the urban centres as their communities of interest. During the recent byelection, several comments were received from

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electors in these areas querying why they did not have an opportunity to vote for Hastings Havelock ward.

Hastings/Havelock North

- 3.5 As part of the assessment of options, consideration has been given to the 2012 Representation Review determination by the Local Government Commission to combine Havelock North Ward to Hastings Ward as one ward with two distinct and separate parts as the only viable choice to retain distinct urban and rural communities of interest. Whilst it was an unusual approach which had not been adopted elsewhere it is not precluded in the Local Electoral Act. The determination stated that as Hastings and Havelock North were only minutes apart on a high quality road, such an approach was appropriate given the commonality of their urban communities of interest.
- 3.6 In order to achieve fair representation, Havelock North cannot be seen as to be separate ward with the current overall numbers of councillors. See table below:

Ward	Population	Population after Ward adjustment	Number of councillors per ward	Population per councillor	Deviation from district average population per councillor	Percentage deviation from district average population per councillor
Hastings	31,290	32,640	6	5,440	-264	-4.62%
Havelock North	12,940	13,320	2	6,660	956	16.77%
Flaxmere	11,020	11,020	2	5,510	-194	-3.39%
Heretaunga	12,670	11,220	2	5,610	-94	-1.64%
Mohaka	5,700	5,700	1	5,700	-4	-0.06%
Kahuranaki	6,230	5,950	1	5,950	246	4.32%
Totals	79,850	79,850	14	5,704		

3.7 Another alternative explored was to create one continuous boundary for Hastings Havelock North Ward (see Attachment 5) It is a statistical possibility with the current overall numbers of councillors (14) to achieve fair representation – see table below:-

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Ward	Population	after Ward	councillors per	Population	Deviation from district average population per councillor	Percentage deviation from district average population per councillor
Hastings- Havelock						
North	44,230	46,490	8	5,811	108	1.89%
Flaxmere	11,020	11,020	2	5,510	-194	-3.39%
Heretaunga	12,670	10,660	2	5,330	-374	-6.55%
Mohaka	5,700	5,700	1	5,700	-4	-0.06%
Kahuranaki	6,230	5,980	1	5,980	276	4.85%
Totals	79,850	79,850	14	5,704		

However, this boundary configuration is not recommended because of the impact on Heretaunga ward, the integrity of the greenbelt surrounding the urban areas and maintaining rural communities of interest.

3.7 This representation arrangements approved for the 2013 election have worked effectively over the past five years, with the 8 urban councillors representing the Hastings Havelock North ward working collectively. This has been particularly evident both during and following the Havelock North water contamination event, where strong community leadership and community engagement have been essential to rebuild civic confidence.

Flaxmere

3.8 The special character of Flaxmere strongly identifies as a community of interest separate to the urban areas of Hastings and Havelock North. Flaxmere has a deprivation index score of 10 - the most deprived level on the index. Some indicative statistics from the 2013 census are set out in the table below:-

	Flaxmere	Hastings
Median Income <15 years	\$19,500	\$26,500
Home Ownership	53.4%	66.4%
Unemployment Rate	12.9%	6.9%

Rural Wards and the Rural Community Boards

3.9 The motto on Hastings District Council coat of arms is *Urbis et Ruris Concordia* - Town and Country in Harmony. The rural ward councillors covering the extremely large and sparsely populated areas of the District are supported by the four elected members of the Rural Community Board.

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- 3.10 With regard to community boards, the work of the Rural Community Board in representing the extensive rural areas of the District has been very successful, and this is evident by the community support expressed at consultation meetings. The pre-consultation exercise did not reveal a public appetite for the creation of more community boards in the urban areas. The creation of urban community boards was considered in detail and rejected by the Local Government Commission in 2013 because there was no evidence that the community had sought these boards. It is the officer view that this situation remains unchanged.
- 3.11 The table below shows the current representation arrangements for the Rural Community Board. The ward members for Kahuranaki and Mohaka wards are also members of the community board.

Subdivision	Population	Deviation from population average	Percentage deviation
Tutira	2,730	-253	-8.50%
Kaweka	2,970	-13	-0.40%
Maraekakaho	2,870	-113	-3.80%
Poukawa	3,360	377	12.60%
Totals	11,930	Average = 2983	

- 3.12 The Poukawa subdivision did not comply with the fair representation rule of +/- 10% rule, but was endorsed in 2012 by the Local Government Commission on the basis that the Community Board was seen to be working well.
- 3.13 In its assessment of options available, there has been a focus on community engagement and the ability of the Council to be fully responsive to community concerns. It was considered that this could best be achieved by maintaining the status quo and continuing to work at ward and Rural Community Board level with local communities on the current and proposed community plans and local initiatives identified in the Long Term Plan.

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4.0 OPTIONS

4.1 Option 1 is set out below:-

Ward	Population	Population after Ward adjustment	Number of councillors per ward	Population per councillor	Deviation from district average population per councillor	Percentage deviation from district average population per councillor
Hastings-						
Havelock						
North	44,230	45,990	8	5,749	45	0.79%
Flaxmere	11,020	11,020	2	5,510	-194	-3.39%
Heretaunga	12,670	11,160	2	5,580	-124	-2.17%
Mohaka	5,700	5,700	1	5,700	-4	-0.06%
Kahuranaki	6,230	5,980	1	5,980	276	4.85%
Totals	79,850	79,850	14	5,704		

4.2 Attachment 1 shows the proposed meshblock changes to Hastings Havelock North Ward, Attachment 2 shows the proposed boundary changes to Hastings from Heretaunga, and Attachment 3 shows the changes proposed to Havelock North from Heretaunga and Kahuranaki as detailed below:

> Lyndhurst (Meshblock 1471202) – Heretaunga to Hastings Havelock North (+850)

> Lyndhurst is a green field currently under development with the potential for over 300 residential units. It is currently within Heretaunga ward and on the outskirts of Hastings.

Williams Street (Meshblock 1471401) – Heretaunga to Hastings Havelock North (+500)

Northwood is another greenfield site which is in the process of being developed for residential dwellings and further extends the urban limit of Hastings City. 220 residential units are proposed for this area

Howard Street (Meshblock 1472900) - Heretaunga to Hastings Havelock North (+60)

Howard Street is a development on the edge of Hastings between Hastings and Havelock North – It is envisaged that there will be in the region of 260 residential units in this area.

lona – (Meshblocks 1465506 and 1465601) Heretaunga to Havelock North (+100)

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These meshblocks are also earmarked for residential development of 320 units which better identifies with the urban area of Havelock North.

Te Mata Hills – Kahuranaki to Hastings Havelock North (+250)

4.3 There has been a significant amount of rural residential development in this meshblock, and it is considered that the community of interest identifies with Havelock North rather than the rural settlements of Kahuranaki ward.

Rural Community Board (Attachment 4)

4.4 It is proposed to recommend that the Rural Community Board be retained and the Poukawa boundary be amended in line with the boundary changes proposed to Kahuranaki and Hastings Havelock North Ward. (See map at Attachment 5). This proposal brings Poukawa into the fair representation rule of +/- 10%.

The proposed representation model for the Rural Community Board is set out below:-

Subdivision	Population	Deviation from population average	Percentage deviation
Tutira	2,730	-190	-6.5%
Kaweka	2,970	50	1.7%
Maraekakaho	2,870	-50	-1.7%
Poukawa	3,110	190	6.5%
Totals	11,680	Average = 2920	

- 4.5 The option has been developed from the resolution of Council on 14 December 2017. The Rural Community Board was consulted on 5 March 2018 on the proposals outlined above, welcomed the proposed retention of the Rural Community Board and approved the proposed boundary changes to Poukawa subdivision which reflected the community of interest of the area.
- 4.6 Option 2 Retain status quo.

5.0 SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

- 5.1 Pre-consultation with the wider Hastings community has already taken place. The Council <u>must</u> resolve its representation arrangements by 31st August 2018.
- 5.2 The Council's decision then goes out for formal consultation through a public submission process.
- 5.3 There is a period of at least one month for submissions.

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- 5.4 The Council must, within six weeks of the closing date, consider all submissions received, hearing those who have asked to be heard. The Council can amend its representation proposal after hearing submissions.
- 5.5 If there are no submissions on the initial proposal, that becomes the final proposal and is not subject to the Local Government Commission's jurisdiction.
- 5.6 Where submissions have been made, the Council's final proposal (whether amended or not) can be appealed by submitters and goes to the Local Government Commission for determination.
- 5.7 In addition, where the Council's final proposal is changed from the initial proposal, there is a further one month for objections, and the proposal, submissions and objections go to the Local Government Commission for determination.
- 5.8 The Local Government Commission will determine the Council's representation arrangements where there have been any submissions, appeals or objections and will probably hold a hearing in Hastings. The Commission must issue its determination on Hastings District representation arrangements on or before 10th April 2019.

6.0 ASSESSMENT OF OPTIONS (INCLUDING FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS)

- 6.1 Best practice for the undertaking of representation review is set out in paragraph 2.16 above. The options must be evidence based, involve preconsultation, focus on communities of interest, community engagement effective and fair representation. The proposal developed above has incorporated all these factors.
- 6.2 Option 1 has been developed to meet the current and future needs of the District, and reflects the pre-consultation findings which indicated a relatively high level of satisfaction with current representation arrangements.
- 6.3 Option 2 is not recommended because it does not recognise the changing communities interest arising from greenfield development on the outskirts of Hastings and Havelock North In addition, the 2017 population estimates for Heretaunga Ward and Poukawa subdivision exceed the +/- 10% rule fair representation rule.
- 6.4 As the changes proposed do not change the overall number of Councillor or Community Board there are no financial implications for governance or remuneration.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS AND REASONS

A) That the report of the Democratic Support Manager titled "Representation Review" dated 22/03/2018 be received.

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- 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.

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- 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

Attachments:

1	Proposed Ward Adjustments	CG-05-16-18-17
2	Proposed Havelock Changes	CG-05-16-18-18
3	Proposed Hastings Changes	CG-05-16-18-19
4	Proposed Poukawa Boundary Change	CG-05-16-18-16
5	Joining Hastings Havelock North	CG-05-16-18-21
6	Detailed Hastings District Ward Boundaries by Mesh	CG-05-16-18-24
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7	Entire Hastings District Ward Boundaries	CG-05-16-18-23

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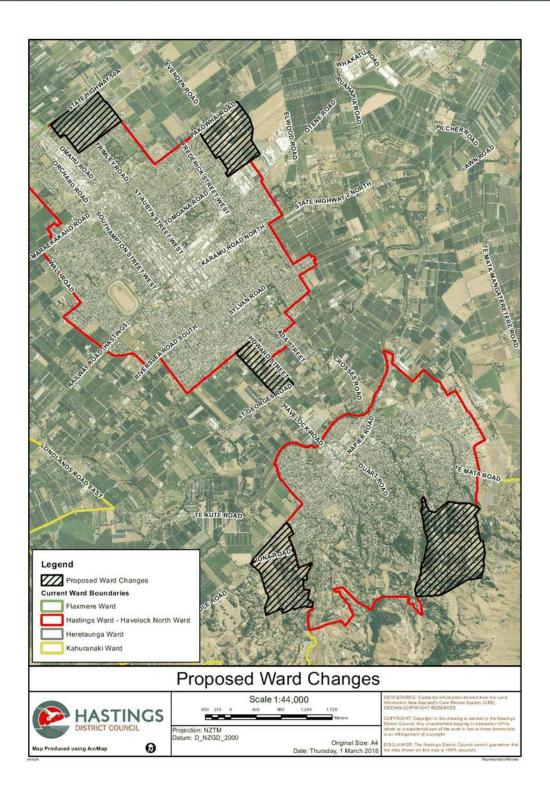
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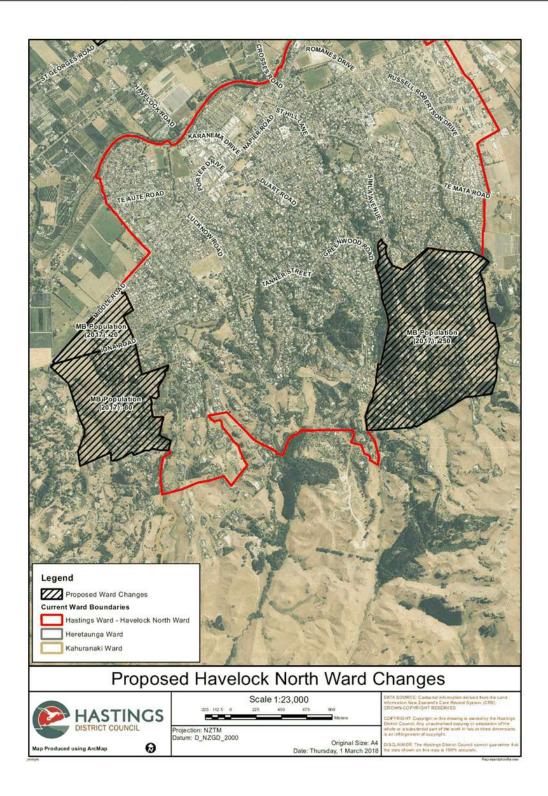
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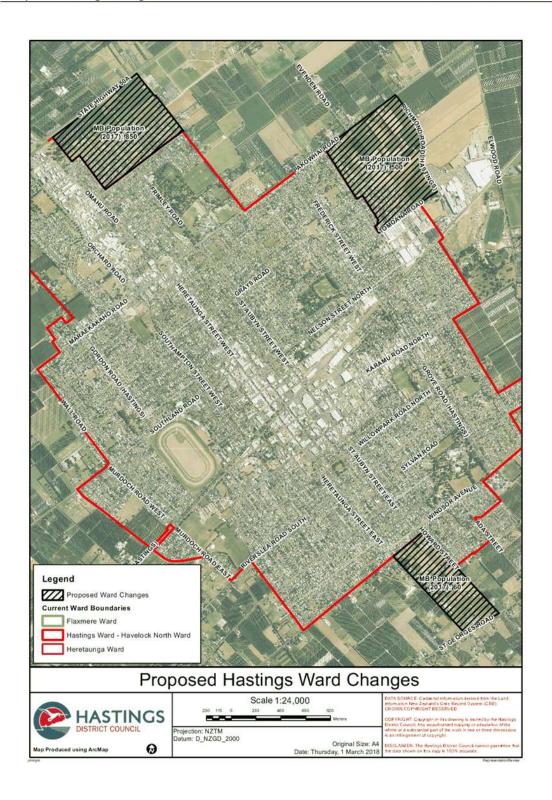
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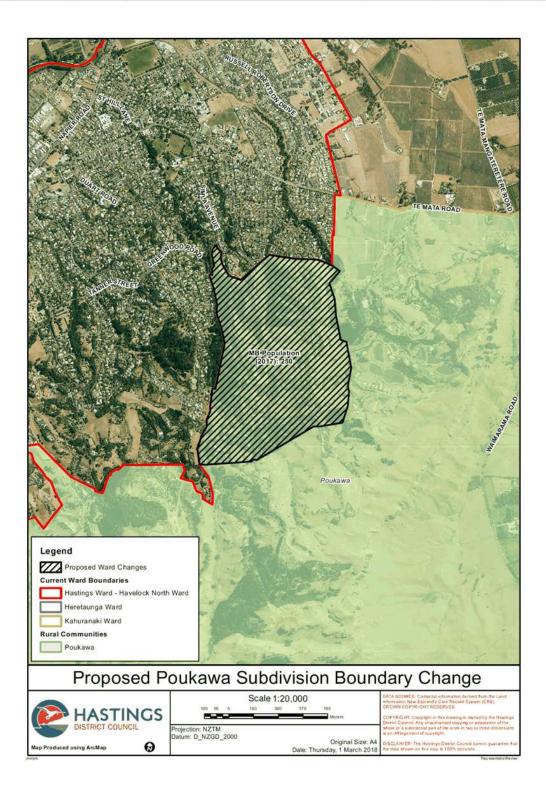
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Proposed Poukawa Boundary Change

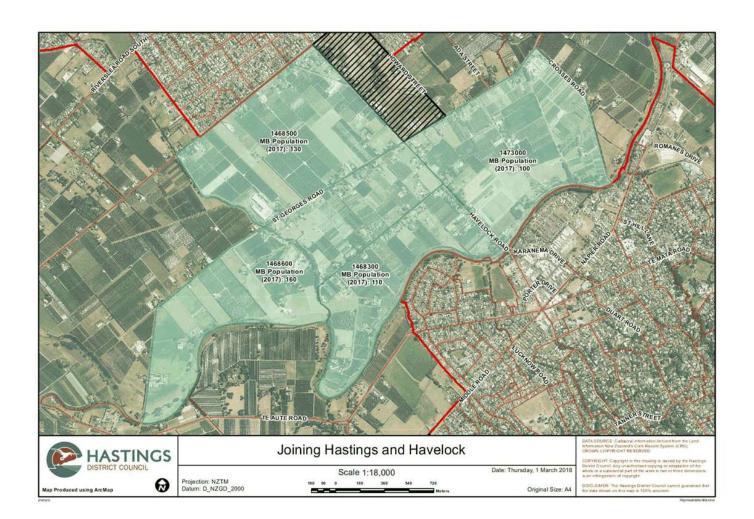


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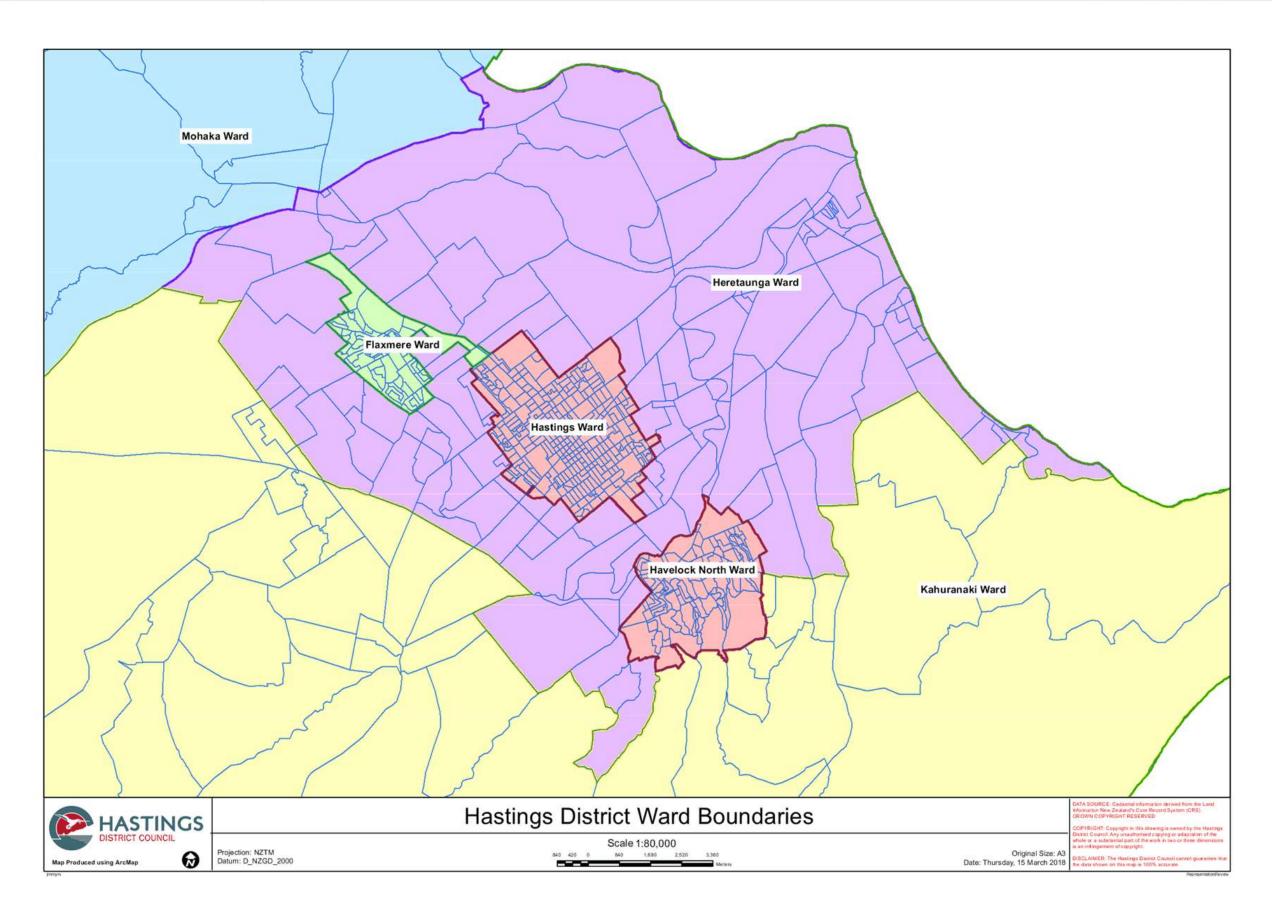
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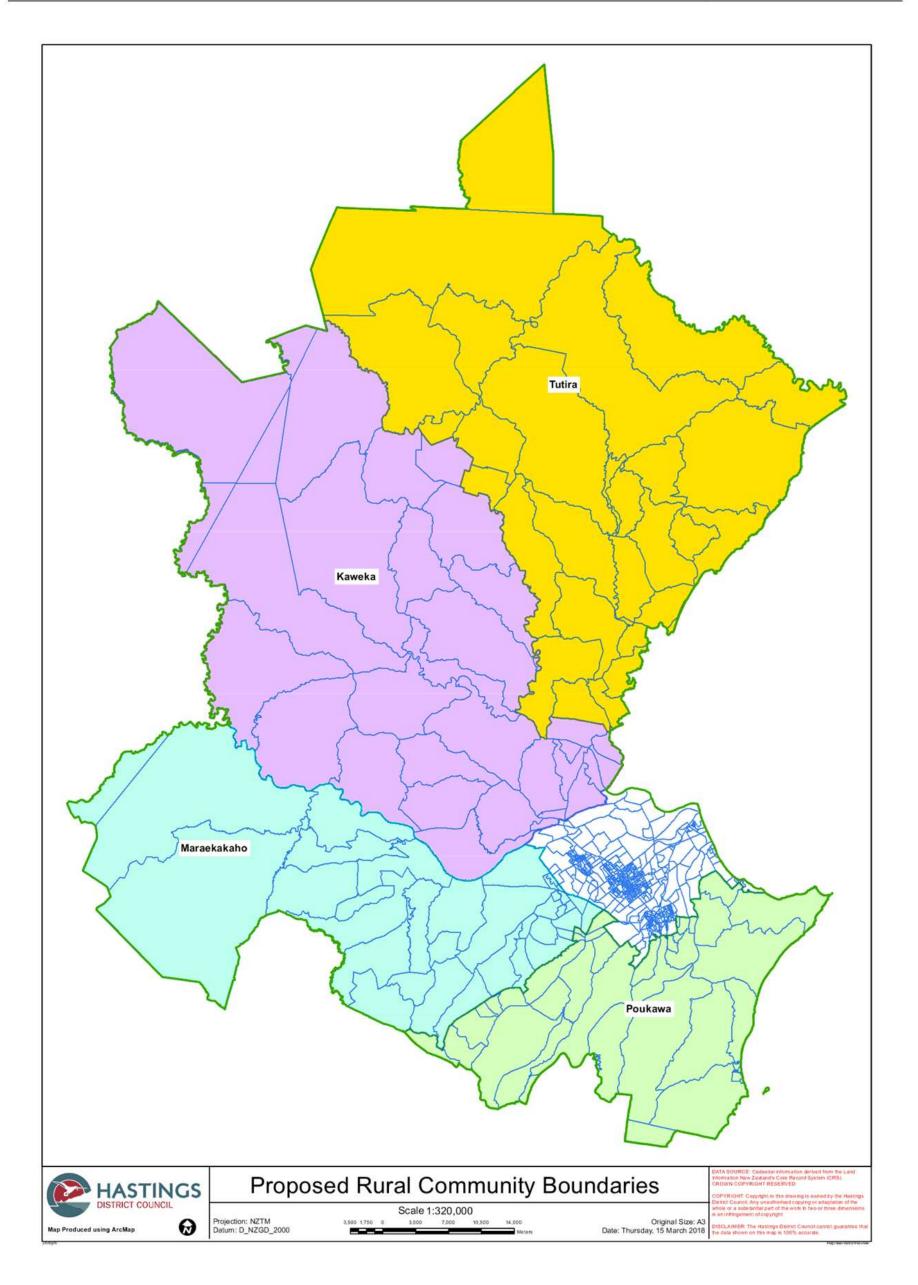


Entire Hastings District Ward Boundaries

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Rural Community Board Subdivision Boundaries by meshblock

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HDC – Representation Rev	iew #	
Name	Peter Church	
Phone Number	6468778644	
Email	peter.o.church@gmail.com	
Address	104 Brookvale Road Havelock North Havelock North 4130 New Zealand	
Do you agree with the proposed changes?	Yes	
Please provide feedback or attach your submission below.	I feel that it was a retrograde step to amalgamate Hastings and Havelock North wards , as a long term Havelock resident I feel that we have lost the personal and close representation that we used to enjoy.	
Please attach your submission		
Would you like to speak to your submission Council?	in No	
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HDC – Representation Review #	
Name	Rion Roben
Phone Number	8766650
Email	flat31@xtra.co.nz
Address	16 Arbuckle Road Frimley Hastings New Zealand
Do you agree with the proposed changes?	No
Please provide feedback or attach your submission below.	Extending the individual parts of this ward without connecting them seems counterintuitive given there is another ward between these parts. as a result, the two areas consider themselves separate communities and each has different community needs. Is there a logical reason why the boundaries of the Havelock North – Hastings ward have another ward running right through it? would it not be possible to either A. Connect the two zones B. separate them as wards allowing for more democratic representation
Please attach your submission	
Would you like to speak to your submission in Council?	Yes
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13/2018 HDC – Representation Revie	Wufoo · Entry Manager #2
Name	Ken Kibblewhite
Phone Number	272337200
Email	kekibble@gmail.com
Address	33 Folkestone Dr Flaxmere Hastings, Hawke's Bay 4120 New Zealand
Do you agree with the proposed changes?	Yes
Please provide feedback or attach your submission below.	I remain disappointed that the same argument that resulted in the combining of the Havelock and Hastings wards has not been used for Flaxmere. Maintaining our separate representation has not improved our deprivation score. Flaxmere needs to be able to have a say in the election of all urban Councillors and favour those that show an interest in our community.
Please attach your submission	
Would you like to speak to your submission in Council?	Yes
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4/13/2018	Wufoo · Entry Manager	
HDC – Representation Re	view	#4
Name	Michael Smiley	
Phone Number	8735411	
Email	msmiley@xtra.co.nz	
Address	314 Karaitiana St Frimley Hastings 3140 New Zealand	
Do you agree with the proposed changes?	Yes	
Please provide feedback or attach your submission below.		
Please attach your submission		
Would you like to speak to your submissio Council?	n in No	
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HDC – Representation Review		#
Name	Ingrid Meulenbrugge	
Phone Number	8785044	
Email	i-meulenbrugge@xtra.co.nz	
Address	Unit 9 1232 Howard Street Hastings, HB 4122 New Zealand	
Do you agree with the proposed changes?	Yes	
Please provide feedback or attach your submission below.	However, I am concerned about the amount of traffic on Howard road no with people coming from/to HN and that park vale only has one school entrance. Congestion on Howard Street and turning into Windsor either left/right is extremely dangerous. What will it mean if we have another 300+ houses all coming out on How Street as well.	

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Please attach your submission

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HDC – Representation R	eview	#6
Name	Jim GALLOWAY	
Phone Number	273625755	
Email	jim.nette@xtra.co.nz	
Address	530 RAUKAWA ROAD RD 4, Hastings 4174 New Zealand	
Do you agree with the proposed change	s? Yes	
Please provide feedback or attach your submission below.	The rural community board works well.	
Please attach your submission		
Would you like to speak to your submiss in Council?	ion No	
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4/19/2018	Wufoo · Entry Manager
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Name	Keith Simes	
Phone Number	64211255148	
Email	keefysimes@gmail.com	
Address	617 York Street Mahora Hastings, Hawke's Bay 4120 New Zealand	
Do you agree with the proposed changes?	No	
Please provide feedback or attach your submission below.	I would like the Hastings Havelock North Ward to be split into separate wards. The interests of Hastings and Havelock are different just as Hastings and Flaxmere. I feel that residents of Havelock need their own representatives reflecting their population, rather than being over-represented as happens now. Population wise I fear the self entitled tail is wagging the dog!	
Please attach your submission		
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HDC – Representation R	eview	#8
Name	thomas towler	
Phone Number	278727041	
Email		
Address	2277 taihape road rd9 hastings sherenden hastings 4179 New Zealand	
Do you agree with the proposed change	s? Yes	
Please provide feedback or attach your submission below.		
Please attach your submission		
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/26/2018	Wufoo · Entry Manager	
HDC – Representation R	eview #9	
Name	Jon Eames	
Phone Number	272729750	
Email	joneames35@gmail.com	
Address	35 Waimarama rd RD 12 Havelock North 4294 New Zealand	
Do you agree with the proposed changes	? No	
Please provide feedback or attach your submission below.	I would like to see my area included in the Havelock North ward .we only live 4km from the middle of the village & feel intensely connected to the village ,both for work & pleasure .We believe we would be better connected and have our say through Havelock North councillors. We have no connection to our current councillor Thank you for your consideration	
Please attach your submission		
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HDC – Representation R	leview	#10
Name	Mark Sutton	
Phone Number	276934686	
Email	shazs@outlook.co.nz	
Address	309A Gascoigne Street Raureka Hastings, None 4120 New Zealand	
Do you agree with the proposed change	s? Yes	
Please provide feedback or attach your submission below.	A good even distribution. Looking good. Well done.	
Please attach your submission		
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HDC – Representation Review		
Name	Chris Johnson	
Phone Number	68771573	
Email	vitki24@extra.co.nz	
Address	30 Palmerston Rd Havelock North Hastings, Hawkes Bay 4130 New Zealand	
Do you agree with the proposed changes?	Yes	
Please provide feedback or attach your submission below.	I agree Havelock North should be a separate ward with its own councillors like Flaxmere due to its population and unique community of interest." Havelock still Havelock "	
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HDC - Representation Review #		
Name	Chris Johnson	
Phone Number	8771573	
Email	vitki24@xtra.co.nz	
Address	30 Palmerston Rd Havelock North Hastings 4130 New Zealand	
Do you agree with the proposed chang	es? No	
Please provide feedback or attach your submission below.	This is in addition to my earlier submission having read the HDC report in more detail. Havelock North is a distinct community and should be a separate ward with its own councillors. The population increase requires Havelock to be a separate ward. It beggar's belief that Flaxmere can be considered a separate community of interest while Havelock is not! Havelock is the oldest and most distinct area within the present ward system. Why is it so important to have Havelock included as part of Hastings? Havelock still Havelock!	
Please attach your submission		
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Name	Phillip MacDonald
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Email	cruliviig@gmail.com
Address	619 Roberts Street, Hastings, Hawkes Bay 4122 New Zealand
Do you agree with the proposed changes?	No
Please provide feedback or attach your submission below.	I strongly oppose Maori Wards.
	If Maori want representation on the Hastings District Council they should put themselves forward on the General Role and good people will be elected as is the case with current councillors of Maori ethnicity.
Please attach your submission	
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HDC – Representation Review		#20
Name	Brian Martin	
Phone Number	8777672	
Email	brianjmartin@xtra.co.nz	
Address	154 Te Mata Peak Road Havelock North New Zealand	
Do you agree with the proposed chan	ges? Yes	
Please provide feedback or attach you submission below.	ur Logical and practical amendments. Well done councillors.	
Please attach your submission		
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