



**CENTRAL  
HAWKE'S BAY**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

# Council Meeting Agenda

## Late Attachments

Thursday, 27 June 2024

9.00am

Council Chambers,  
28-32 Ruataniwha Street, Waipawa

*Together we thrive! E ora ngātahi ana!*



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# Initial Representation Proposal Statement of Proposal

**2024**

**DRAFT**

**What's the future representation you want  
for your community?**

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This Statement of Proposal was adopted by Council on 27 June 2024, in accordance with the Local Electoral Act 2001 for formal consultation with community.

# Kia ora

The right to vote and participate in political and public life is important for a functioning democracy, strong communities and transparent and accountable governance.

This statement of proposal is your opportunity to have your say on the future of our representation arrangements for how we elect Councillors to Central Hawke’s Bay District Council.

Central Hawke’s Bay District Council | Te Kaunihera o Tamatea  
Statement of Proposal

## What's this all about?

**This is your chance to have your say on how you are represented by your local Council.**

**Every six years, Council is required by the Local Electoral Act 2001 to complete a review of its representation arrangements.**

**The Council last reviewed its representation arrangements in 2018 prior to the 2019 elections.**

**Having considered the options, Council are proposing new representation arrangements.**

**This document explains the proposed changes and how to make a submission.**

## Timelines

The review process is subject to a statutory timeline and process.

We are currently in the process of formally consulting on the Initial Representation Proposal.

The final proposal is subject to rights of appeal and/or objection to the Local Government Commission.

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**Stage one of review - decision on electoral system**  
 15 August 2023  
 Council resolved to retain the status quo and continue with the First Past the Post electoral system.
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**Stage two - Māori wards**  
 15 November 2023  
 Council resolved to establish a Māori ward for the 2025 and 2028 local body elections.
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**Pre-engagement community survey**  
 28 March - 28 April
- 
**Stage three – Develop representation review**  
 March 2024
- 
**Adopt proposed draft representation review**  
 27 June
- 
**Public notification of Initial Representation Review proposal**  
 15 July - 25 August  
 Formal consultation and open for submissions
- 
**Hearing of submissions/deliberations**  
 5 September
- 
**Council adopts final Representation Review**  
 19 September
- 
**Public notification of final proposal**  
 4 October - 4 November



## Representation Review Requirements

The Local Electoral Act 2001 sets out the steps that Council must go through and what it must consider to ensure fair representation.

The Council needs to review its representation arrangements in respect to:

- the number of elected members;
- whether those members are to be elected at large, or by ward, or by a combination of both.
- ward boundaries, ward names and the number of elected members for each ward
- whether there should be community board(s) and if so, the nature and structure of the community board(s).

The results of the representation review undertaken by the Council this year will apply for the next local government triennial elections which are to be held on Saturday 11 October 2025.

### Key considerations

In reviewing their representation arrangements, councils must take account of three key factors:

- **Communities of interest** – this involves identifying areas where groups of people have a sense of belonging and which they relate to for social activity, services and economic support. Physical and geographical features, and transport and communication links can also help identify communities of interest.
- **Effective representation** of communities of interest – this relates to the number of elected members, and how they are elected, so that they are able to adequately represent their ward and ensure matters important to residents are heard.
- **Fair representation** – this is about ensuring approximate equality of population per member, so that each elected member represents about the same number of people, (within +/- 10 percent of the region's population divided by the total number of Councillors). For example, the population of the district's general wards (13,510) divided by 8 councillors, produces a population per member of 1,689. Under the +/- 10% rule, this would mean the population per member in each ward must be between 1,520 and 1,858.

**Community Boards** - The Council must also consider whether there should be community boards.

## Current Representation Arrangements

A lot has changed in Central Hawke's Bay over the last 15 years. Our current representation arrangements have remained the same over this time, being established in 2007.

Under the current representation arrangements, Central Hawkes Bay District Council comprises a mayor and eight councillors, elected from two wards:

- Aramoana - Ruahine Ward (4 councillors)
- Ruataniwha Ward (4 councillors)
- The Mayor elected at large.

There are no community boards.

As the Council has already resolved to establish a Māori ward for the 2025 elections, the current arrangements must be reviewed.



The map below shows the boundaries of our existing wards. If you are unsure what ward you currently live in, scan the QR code to head to our website to find out more or visit [www.letstalkchb.co.nz](http://www.letstalkchb.co.nz)



























































































































































































































































