

# Rārangi take Kaunihera Whanokē

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# Extraordinary Council Agenda

Representation Review - To alter/revoke the resolution on the Initial Proposal

Wednesday 4 August 2021, 1pm  
Council Chamber, Albion Street, Hāwera





# Pūrongo Whaitikanga Governance Information

## Ngā Mema o te Komiti / Committee Members



Phil Nixon  
Mayor



Robert Northcott  
Deputy Mayor



Andy Beccard  
Councillor



Mark Bellringer  
Councillor



Gary Brown  
Councillor



Celine Filbee  
Councillor



Aaron Langton  
Councillor



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Councillor



Jack Rangiwahia  
Councillor



Diana Reid  
Councillor



Bryan Roach  
Councillor



Brian Rook  
Councillor



Chris Young  
Councillor

## Apatono / Delegations

The Full Council’s role is to carry out responsibilities under the Local Government Act 2002. It is the final decision-making authority within the Council and generally ratifies recommendations made by other committees. It is made up of all Councillors and the Mayor.

### Powers that cannot be delegated

The powers that cannot be delegated by the Council are:

- (a) the power to make a rate
- (b) the power to make a bylaw
- (c) the power to borrow money, or purchase or dispose

of assets, other than in accordance with the long-term plan

- (d) the power to adopt a long-term plan, annual plan or annual report
- (e) the power to appoint a chief executive
- (f) the power to adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under the Local Government Act 2002 in association with the long-term plan or developed for the purpose of the Local Governance Statement.
- (g) the power to adopt a remuneration and employment policy

## He Karere Haumarū / Health and Safety Message

In the event of an emergency, please follow the instructions of Council staff.

If there is an earthquake – drop, cover and hold where possible. Please remain where you are until further instruction is given.

## He Pānga Whakararu / Conflicts of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected member and any private or other external interest they might have.



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2021 Representation Review - To alter/revoke the resolution on the Initial Proposal

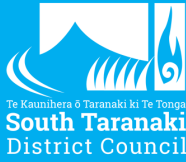
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# Matakore Apologies

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**Leave of Absence:** *The Council may grant a member leave of absence following an application from that member. Leave of absences will be held in the Public Excluded section of the meeting.*



# Whakatakoto Kaupapa Whānui, Whakaaturanga hoki

# Open Forum and Presentations

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*The Council has set aside time for members of the public to speak in the public forum at the commencement of each Council, Committee and Community Board meeting (up to 10 minutes per person/organisation) when these meetings are open to the public. Permission of the Mayor or Chairperson is required for any person wishing to speak at the public forum.*



# Pūrongo Report

To	Extraordinary Council
From	Tumu Whakahaere / Chief Executive, Waid Crockett
Date	4 August 2021
Subject	<b>2021 Representation Review – Adopt Initial Proposal for Consultation</b>

(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

## Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. On 26 July 2021, the Council considered a number of options regarding its initial proposal for the 2021 Representation Review. The Council subsequently resolved to adopt Option 2, being 12 councillors (two Māori ward councillors and ten general ward councillors) elected from two Māori wards and four general wards, as its initial proposal.
2. Following this meeting and resolution, it was found that the non-compliance figures presented to the Council were based on the percentage of non-compliance outside of the +/- 10% threshold rather than the percentage of non-compliance from the average number of councillors per ward.
3. In addition, Council officers have also obtained the latest available population estimates (as at 30 June 2020) from Statistics New Zealand rather than Census 2018, following advice from Election Services and the Local Government Commission. The 2018 Census figures Council officers used also differed from the figures provided by Statistics New Zealand to Election Services. This caused discrepancies between some of the figures in the adopted resolution.
4. Based on this advice it was considered prudent to present the updated figures back to Council to ensure that the Council is provided with all of the appropriate information to make an informed decision.
5. This report recommends that Resolutions 98/21, 99/21, 100/21, 101/21, 102/21 and 103/21 be revoked on the grounds that further information has been made available including updated population figures from Statistics New Zealand.
6. This report also asks the Council to consider the feedback provided in the report presented to the Council on 26 July and the updated figures presented within this report and adopt an initial proposal for formal consultation, planned to be undertaken between 12 August to 23 September.

## Taunakitanga / Recommendations

THAT the Council

- a) Revokes Resolution 98/21, 99/21, 100/21, 101/21, 102/21 and 103/21 reproduced in full below:

98/21 THAT the Council

Resolves, in accordance with sections 19H and 19J and clauses 1 and 2 of Schedule 1A of the Local Electoral Act 2001, to adopt the following as its initial proposal for the review of representation arrangements for the 2022 and 2025 triennial elections:

The South Taranaki District Council to comprise the mayor elected at large and **twelve (12)** councillors elected under a ward system, specifically **ten (10)** general ward councillors and **two (2)** Māori ward councillors;

South Taranaki District Council be divided into two Māori wards, these being:

Ward and number of councillors	Communities of interest	Geographic Description
East Māori Ward One Māori ward councillor	Ngāti Ruanui and Ngāa Rauru Iwi	The boundary between the West and East Māori Wards following State Highway 3 from the northern boundary of the District through Eltham to the intersection with Mountain Road; Mountain Road to its intersection with Ketemarae Road; Ketemarae Road to its intersection with State Highway 3; State Highway 3 south to South Road; west along South Road to the Waihi Stream and south along the Stream to the coast.
West Māori Ward One Māori ward councillor	Ngāruahine and Taranaki Iwi	The boundary between the West and East Māori Wards following State Highway 3 from the northern boundary of the District through Eltham to the intersection with Mountain Road; Mountain Road to its intersection with Ketemarae Road; Ketemarae Road to its intersection with State Highway 3; State Highway 3 south to South Road; west along South Road to the Waihi Stream and south along the Stream to the coast.

99/21 THAT the Council

Resolves, in accordance with sections 19H and 19J and clauses 1 and 2 of Schedule 1A of the Local Electoral Act 2001, to adopt the following as its initial proposal for the review of representation arrangements for the 2022 and 2025 triennial elections:

The South Taranaki District Council to comprise the mayor elected at large and **twelve (12)** councillors elected under a ward system, specifically **ten (10)** general ward councillors and **two (2)** Māori ward councillors;

South Taranaki District Council be divided into four general wards, these being:

Ward and number of councillors	Communities of interest	Geographic Description
Eltham-Kaponga General Ward <b>two (2)</b> general ward councillors	Eltham, Kaponga, Mangamingi	The Eltham-Kaponga Ward bounded to the west by Auroa Road; to the north by the District boundary; to the south by a line south of Skeet Road, Tempsky, Ōmahuru, Onewhaia and Austin Roads, the Mangemange Stream and the current ward boundary to the south and east of Moeroa and north to the District boundary.
Pātea General Ward <b>two (2)</b> general ward councillors	Pātea, Kākaramea, Waverley, Waitōtara, Ngamatapouri	The Pātea Ward bounded by the current ward boundaries from the coast at the Manawapou River northeast to the Moeawatea Stream and north to the District boundary, to the east by the District boundary and to the south by the coast.
Taranaki-Coastal General Ward <b>two (2)</b> general ward councillors	Ōpunakē, Manaia, Kaūpokonui Rāhotu, Warea, Pungarehu	The Taranaki Coastal Ward bounded to the north by the District boundary, to the east by Auroa Road, a line south of Skeet Road and Inaha Road to the coast, and to the south and west by the coast.
Te Hāwera General Ward <b>four (4)</b> general ward councillors	Hāwera, Normanby, Ōkaiawa, Ōhawe, Ōhangai, Tāngāhoe Valley	Te Hāwera Ward bounded to the west by Inaha Road; to the north by Tempsky, Ōmahuru, Onewhaia and Austin Roads, the Mangemange Stream and the current ward boundary to the Moeawatea Stream and south west to the Manawapou River and the coast, and to the south by the coast.



100/21 THAT the Council confirms the population that each ward member represents (based on the 2018 Census populations) are as follows, noting that:

The population that each general ward councillor represents will be determined based on the decision by Council and may not comply with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001;

Ward	Population Estimate (2018 Census)	Number of Councillors	Population per Councillor	Variation from +/- 10% tolerance
East Māori Ward	2,529	1	2,529	+7.6%
West Māori Ward	1,743	1	1,743	-9.3%
Eltham-Kaponga General Ward	3,723	2	1,862	-10.1%
Pātea General Ward	3,120	2	1,560	-24.7%
Taranaki Coastal General Ward	4,944	2	2,472	Compliant
Te Hāwera General Ward	11,226	4	2,807	+10.9%

101/21 THAT the Council retains four (4) community boards representing four (4) communities, these being:

Community Board and number of members	Communities	Geographic Description
Eltham-Kaponga Community Board Four (4) elected members and one appointed member, being an Eltham-Kaponga general ward councillor or Māori ward councillor.	Eltham, Kaponga, Mangamingi	The Eltham-Kaponga Ward bounded to the west by Auroa Road; to the north by the District boundary; to the south by a line south of Skeet Road, Tempsky, Ōmahuru, Onewhaia and Austin Roads, the Mangemange Stream and the current ward boundary to the south and east of Moeroa and north to the District boundary.
Pātea Community Board Four (4) elected members and one appointed member, being a Pātea general ward councillor or Māori ward councillor.	Pātea, Kākarama, Waverley, Waitōtara, Ngamatapouri	The Pātea Ward bounded by the current ward boundaries from the coast at the Manawapou River northeast to the Moeawatea Stream and north to the District boundary, to the east by the District boundary and to the south by the coast.

Community Board and number of members	Communities	Geographic Description
Taranaki Coastal Community Board Four (4) elected members and one appointed member, being a Taranaki Coastal general ward councillor or Māori ward councillor.	Ōpunakē, Manaia, Kaūpokonui Rāhotu, Warea, Pungarehu	The Taranaki Coastal Ward bounded to the north by the District boundary, to the east by Auroa Road, a line south of Skeet Road and Inaha Road to the coast, and to the south and west by the coast.
Te Hāwera Community Board Four (4) elected members and one appointed member, being a Te Hāwera general ward councillor or Māori ward councillor.	Hāwera, Normanby, Ōkaiawa, Ōhawe, Ōhangai, Tāngāhoe	Te Hāwera Ward bounded to the west by Inaha Road; to the north by Tempsky, Ōmahuru, Onewhaia and Austin Roads, the Mangemange Stream and the current ward boundary to the Moeawatea Stream and south west to the Manawapou River and the coast, and to the south by the coast.

102/21 THAT the Council in accordance with section 19K(2) of the Local Electoral Act, the Council resolves that the reasons for the proposed changes to the current representation arrangements are:

- i. To reflect the establishment of one or more Māori wards in accordance with Council's resolution on 11 November 2020;
- ii. To provide effective and accessible representation to all communities of interest within the District;
- iii. To reflect the feedback received through the pre-consultation undertaken from 9 June to 9 July 2021.

103/21 THAT the Council adopts the South Taranaki District Council's Representation Review 2021 Initial Proposal for consultation starting 29 July 2021 and closing 9 September 2021 and a public notice is published to that effect, in accordance with the Local Electoral Act 2001.

THAT the Council;

- a) Resolves, in accordance with sections 19H and 19J and clauses 1 and 2 of Schedule 1A of the Local Electoral Act 2001, to adopt the following as its initial proposal for the review of representation arrangements for the 2022 and 2025 triennial elections:

The South Taranaki District Council to comprise the mayor elected at large and **twelve (12)** councillors elected under a ward system, specifically **ten (10)** general ward councillors and **two (2)** Māori ward councillors;

South Taranaki District Council be divided into two Māori wards, these being:

Ward and number of councillors	Communities of interest	Geographic Description
East Māori Ward One Māori ward councillor	Ngāti Ruanui and Ngaa Rauru Iwi	The boundary between the West and East Māori Wards following State Highway 3 from the northern boundary of the District through Eltham to the intersection with Mountain Road; Mountain Road to its intersection with Ketemarae Road; Ketemarae Road to its intersection with State Highway 3; State Highway 3 south to South Road; west along South Road to the Waihi Stream and south along the Stream to the coast.
West Māori Ward One Māori ward councillor	Ngāruahine and Taranaki Iwi	The boundary between the West and East Māori Wards following State Highway 3 from the northern boundary of the District through Eltham to the intersection with Mountain Road; Mountain Road to its intersection with Ketemarae Road; Ketemarae Road to its intersection with State Highway 3; State Highway 3 south to South Road; west along South Road to the Waihi Stream and south along the Stream to the coast.

b) South Taranaki District Council be divided into four general wards, these being:

Ward and number of councillors	Communities of interest	Geographic Description
Eltham-Kaponga General Ward <b>two (2)</b> general ward councillors	Eltham, Kaponga, Mangamingi	The Eltham-Kaponga General Ward bounded to the west by Auroa Road to the north by the District boundary; to the south by a line south of Skeet Road, Tempsky, Ōmahuru, Onewhaia and Austin Roads, the Mangemange Stream and the current ward boundary to the south and east of Moeroa and north to the District boundary.

Ward and number of councillors	Communities of interest	Geographic Description
Pātea General Ward <b>two (2)</b> general ward councillors	Pātea, Kākaramea, Waverley, Waitōtara, Ngamatapouri	The Pātea General Ward bounded by the current ward boundaries from the coast at the Manawapou River northeast to the Moeawatea Stream and north to the District boundary, to the east by the District boundary and to the south by the coast.
Taranaki-Coastal General Ward <b>two (2)</b> general ward councillors	Ōpunakē, Manaia, Kaūpokonui Rāhotu, Warea, Pungarehu	The Taranaki-Coastal General Ward bounded to the north by the District boundary, to the east by Auroa Road, a line south of Skeet Road and Inaha Road to the coast, and to the south and west by the coast.
Te Hāwera General Ward <b>four (4)</b> general ward councillors	Hāwera, Normanby, Ōkaiawa, Ōhawe, Ōhangai, Tāngāhoe	Te Hāwera General Ward bounded to the west by Inaha Road; to the north by Tempsky, Ōmahuru, Onewhaia and Austin Roads, the Mangemange Stream and the current ward boundary to the Moeawatea Stream and south west to the Manawapou River and the coast, and to the south by the coast.

- c) Confirms the population that each ward member represents (based on the 2020 Statistics New Zealand population estimates) are as follows, noting that:

The population that each general ward councillor represents will be determined based on the decision by Council and may not comply with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001;

Ward	Population Estimate (2020 Statistics NZ)	Number of Councillors	Population per Councillor	% Variation
East Māori Ward	2,980	1	2,980	16.2%
West Māori Ward	2,160	1	2,160	-15.8%
Eltham-Kaponga General Ward	3,990	2	1,995	-15.5%

Ward	Population Estimate (2020 Statistics NZ)	Number of Councillors	Population per Councillor	% Variation
Pātea General Ward	3,120	2	1,560	-33.9%
Taranaki Coastal General Ward	5,090	2	2,545	7.8%
Te Hāwera General Ward	11,400	4	2,850	20.8%

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that:

- each general ward councillor represents must be within the population range of 2,360 plus or minus 10% (2,124 – 2,596)
- each Māori ward councillor represents must be within the population range of 2,565 plus or minus 10% (2,309 – 2,822)

unless particular communities of interest considerations justify otherwise. Most wards fall outside of the +/- 10% range but to comply would have divided communities of interest between wards.

- d) Retains four (4) community boards representing four (4) communities, these being:

Community Board and number of members	Communities	Geographic Description
Eltham-Kaponga Community Board Four (4) elected members and one appointed member, being an Eltham-Kaponga general ward councillor or Māori ward councillor.	Eltham, Kaponga, Mangamingi	The Eltham-Kaponga Community Board bounded to the west by Auroa Road to the north by the District boundary; to the south by a line south of Skeet Road, Tempsky, Ōmahuru, Onewhaia and Austin Roads, the Mangemange Stream and the current ward boundary to the south and east of Moeroa and north to the District boundary.
Pātea Community Board Four (4) elected members and one appointed member, being a Pātea general ward councillor or Māori ward councillor.	Pātea, Kākamea, Waverley, Waitōtara, Ngamatapouri	The Pātea Community Board bounded by the current ward boundaries from the coast at the Manawapou River northeast to the Moeawatea Stream and north to the District boundary, to the east by the District boundary and to the south by the coast.

Community Board and number of members	Communities	Geographic Description
Taranaki Coastal Community Board Four (4) elected members and one appointed member, being a Taranaki Coastal general ward councillor or Māori ward councillor.	Ōpunakē, Manaia, Kaūpokonui Rāhotu, Warea, Pungarehu	The Taranaki-Coastal Community Board bounded to the north by the District boundary, to the east by Auroa Road, a line south of Skeet Road and Inaha Road to the coast, and to the south and west by the coast.
Te Hāwera Community Board Four (4) elected members and one appointed member, being a Te Hāwera general ward councillor or Māori ward councillor.	Hāwera, Normanby, Ōkaiawa, Ōhawe, Ōhangai, Tāngāhoe	Te Hāwera Community Board bounded to the west by Inaha Road; to the north by Tempsky, Ōmahuru, Onewhaia and Austin Roads, the Mangemange Stream and the current ward boundary to the Moeawatea Stream and south west to the Manawapou River and the coast, and to the south by the coast.

- e) In accordance with section 19K(2) of the Local Electoral Act, the Council resolves that the reasons for the proposed changes to the current representation arrangements are:
- iv. To reflect the establishment of one or more Māori wards in accordance with Council’s resolution on 11 November 2020;
  - v. To provide effective and accessible representation to all communities of interest within the District;
  - vi. To reflect the feedback received through the pre-consultation undertaken from 9 June to 9 July 2021.
  - vii. To reflect the 2020 population figures provided by Statistics New Zealand.
- f) Adopts the South Taranaki District Council’s Representation Review 2021 Initial Proposal for consultation starting 12 August 2021 and closing 23 September 2021 and a public notice is published to that effect, in accordance with the Local Electoral Act 2001.

### **Kupu Whakamārama / Background**

- 7. On Monday 26 July 2021 the Council passed a resolution to adopt an initial proposal for the 2021 Representation Review. Section 19M of the Local Electoral Act 2001 (LEA 2001) requires this decision to be publicly notified within 14 days after making the resolution. Prior to publishing the public notice Council officers sought advice to ensure that the public notice met the Council’s obligations under the LEA 2001.
- 8. The advice received highlighted that the non-compliance figures presented in the report were the percentage of non-compliance outside of the +/- 10% threshold. The figures that are advertised in the public notice must show the percentage of non-compliance from the average number of councillors per ward.

9. The advice also recommended that the latest population estimates provided by Statistics New Zealand be used (30 June 2020) rather than the 2018 Census figures. The LEA 2001 allows local authorities to use either the 2018 Census figures or the latest population estimates, but best practise is to use the latest figures available (which provides a more accurate snapshot of the District's current population). The decision to use the 2018 Census figures was based on the 2020 population estimates not being available to the Council at mesh block level. Statistics NZ, however, could provide the 2020 figures based on ranges of mesh blocks (review options) for a fee. It is noted that the majority of local authorities across New Zealand chose to use the 2020 population estimates.
10. The 2018 Census figures Council officers used also differed from the figures provided to Election Services. This highlighted discrepancies between some of the figures to be reported on in the public notice.
11. Based on this advice, it was considered prudent to present these figures back to the Council to ensure that the Council is provided with all of the appropriate information to make an informed decision.
12. Clause 30 (6) Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 provides for a local authority to revoke or alter all or part of a resolution provided the decision-making body is given at least two clear working days that the purpose of the meeting is to consider a revocation of or alteration to a recommendation.
13. The table below provides the updated figures for the preferred option (Option 2) based on the population estimates as at 30 June 2020 and the variation percentages of non-compliance from the average number of councillors per ward:

Ward	Population Estimate (2020 Statistics NZ)	Number of Councillors	Population per Councillor	% Variation
East Māori Ward	2,980	1	2,980	16.2%
West Māori Ward	2,160	1	2,160	-15.8%
Eltham-Kaponga General Ward	3,990	2	1,995	-15.5%
Pātea General Ward	3,120	2	1,560	-33.9%
Taranaki Coastal General Ward	5,090	2	2,545	7.8%
Te Hāwera General Ward	11,400	4	2,850	20.8%

14. For the Council's information, the following tables for options that were rejected, but showing the updated population estimates and percentage variations are provided below:

**Option 1 - 8 general ward councillors, 2 Māori ward councillors (Total 10)**

Ward	Population Estimate (2020 Stats NZ)	Number of Councillors	Population per Councillor	% Variation
Eltham-Kaponga General Ward	3,310	1	3,310	12.2%
Pātea General Ward	3,120	1	3,120	5.8%
Taranaki Coastal General Ward	5,560	2	2,780	-5.8%
Te Hāwera General Ward	11,600	4	2,900	-1.7%

**Option 3 - 11 general ward councillors, 2 Māori ward councillors (Total 13)**

Ward	Population Estimate (2020 Stats NZ)	Number of Councillors	Population per Councillor	% Variation
Eltham-Kaponga General Ward	4,020	2	2,010	-6.3%
Pātea General Ward	3,120	2	1,560	-27.3%
Taranaki Coastal General Ward	4,970	2	2,485	15.8%
Te Hāwera General Ward	11,500	5	2,300	7.2%

15. The Council's decision to adopt an initial proposal for consultation must be publicly notified within 14 days of the decision and must be given no later than 8 September 2021. A public notification will be included in Southlink on Thursday 12 August with formal consultation being undertaken from 12 August to 23 September 2021.

**Local Government Purpose**

16. This decision aligns with the purpose of the Local Government Act 2002 as it enables democratic local decision-making by, and on behalf of the community to promote the cultural, social, economic and environmental well-being of the community in the present and for the future.



## Ngā Kōwhiringa / Options – Identification and analysis

### Risks

17. The Local Electoral Act 2001 requires local authorities to adopt an initial proposal for formal consultation by 31 August 2021 and publicly notify this within 14 days of the resolution or by 8 September 2021. If the Council does not meet its legislative requirements under the Act, the decision for representation in South Taranaki may be undertaken by the Local Government Commission.

### Options analysis

18. The Council is required to adopt an initial proposal for formal consultation – for both general wards and Māori ward(s).
19. Options 1, 2 and 3 (general wards) and Option B (Māori wards) do not meet the Local Electoral Act's +/- 10% rule for fair representation. Following formal consultation and the adoption of a final proposal the Local Government Commission is required to review and approve any non-complying arrangements. The Commission will be looking for legislative compliance, robustness of consultation, robustness of decision-making (including consideration of submissions/feedback) and a clearly articulated rationale.
20. Based on the feedback received to date, indications are that the Community prefers the options with four wards and 12 or 13 councillors in total.

## Whaiwhakaaro me ngā aromatawai / Considerations and Assessments

### Assessment of Significance and Engagement

21. The Council's general approach to determining the level of "significance" will be to consider:

Criteria	Measure	Assessment
Degree	The number of residents and ratepayers affected and the degree to which they are affected by the decision or proposal.	All residents will be affected as the final decision for representation will be in place for the 2022 and 2025 local body elections.
LOS	The achievement of, or ability to achieve, the Council's stated levels of service as set out in the Long Term Plan.	The decision will not affect the Council's ability to achieve its stated levels of service in the Long Term Plan.
Decision	Whether this type of decision, proposal or issue has a history of generating wide public interest within South Taranaki.	22 submissions were received during the 2019 Representation Review formal consultation process.

Criteria	Measure	Assessment
Financial	The impact of the decision or proposal on the Council's overall budget or included in an approved Long Term Plan and its ability to carry out its existing or proposed functions and activities now and in the future.	The costs associated with the Representation Review will be covered within existing budgets.
Reversible	The degree to which the decision or proposal is reversible.	The decision on the initial proposal for consultation must be publicly notified and consulted on.
Environment	The degree of impact the decision will have on the environment.	The decision on the initial proposal will have no significant impact on the environment.

### Legislative Considerations

22. Section 19H of the Local Electoral Act requires the Council to adopt an initial proposal for public consultation by 31 August 2021. The decision must be publicly notified within 14 days of the decision being made and notification is planned for 12 August 2021. Formal consultation of the initial proposal is to be undertaken between 12 August and 23 September 2021.

### Financial/Budget Considerations

23. The costs associated with the representation review will be covered by existing budgets.

### Environmental Sustainability

24. The decision on representation will not have an impact on the environment. However, should the overall number of elected representatives increase considerably there would be increased travel to attend meetings from across the District.

### Consistency with Plans/Policies/Community Outcomes

25. Nothing in this report is inconsistent with any Council policy, plan or strategy and the proposal contributes to the Council's Vibrant South Taranaki (cultural well-being) and Together South Taranaki (social well-being) community outcomes.

### Impact on Māori/Iwi

26. This decision will have a positive impact on Māori and Iwi as two representatives (councillors) will be elected by Māori to represent their interests and needs. The Council has been working towards developing partnerships with Iwi, and representation is another step that builds on our partnership and will enable Māori to contribute to Council decision-making practices.

### Affected Parties Consultation

27. A formal consultation process will be undertaken with the South Taranaki community in accordance with the requirements of the Local Electoral Act.

## Whakakapia / Conclusion

28. The Local Electoral Act requires local authorities to adopt an initial proposal for formal consultation by 31 August 2021. The purpose of this meeting is for the Council to revoke the resolution passed on Monday 26 July, consider feedback received through the pre-consultation phase, consider the updated figures presented within this report and adopt an initial proposal for public notification and consultation.



Waid Crockett

**Tumu Whakahaere /  
Chief Executive**