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Report 12.369

Council

Minute extract from meeting held on 21 August 2012

Final representation proposal for the 2013 triennial elections

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(Cr Aitken/ Cr Donaldson)

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the contents of the report.*
- 3. Having considered the recommendations of the Representation Review 2012 Hearing Committee, adopts its final representation proposal for the 2013 triennial elections, providing for a Council of 13 members, elected from six constituencies, as follows:*

<i>Constituency</i>	<i>Number of members</i>	<i>Community of interest represented by the constituency</i>	<i>Population per Councillor</i> <i>(Average: 37,575)</i> <i>(+/-10% range from the average: 33,763 to 41,267)</i>
<i>Wellington</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>The area of Wellington City, excluding the area of the Tawa Community</i>	<i>37,040</i>
<i>Porirua-Tawa</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>The area of Porirua City, and the area of the Tawa Community of Wellington City</i>	<i>33,800</i>
<i>Kapiti Coast</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>The area of the Kapiti Coast District</i>	<i>49,800</i>
<i>Lower Hutt</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>The area of Lower Hutt City</i>	<i>34,333</i>
<i>Upper Hutt</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>The area of Upper Hutt City</i>	<i>41,500</i>
<i>Wairarapa</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>The area of South Wairarapa District, Carterton District and Masterton District, and that part of the Tararua District that falls within the Wellington region.</i>	<i>40,600</i>

4. *Notes that this proposal retains the Council's existing representation arrangements, and differs from the Council's initial representation proposal in that it provides for the membership of the Wairarapa Constituency to be one member.*
5. *Endorses the following reasons for the acceptance or rejection of submissions on the Council's initial representation proposal:*

Issue	Reason for acceptance or rejection of submission
<i>That the proposed second Councillor for the Wairarapa Constituency be opposed.</i>	<i>Accepted. In accordance with the requirements of the Local Electoral Act 2001 this proposal provides fair representation for the electors of the Wairarapa Constituency.</i>
<i>That the proposed second Councillor for the Wairarapa Constituency be supported.</i>	<i>Rejected. This proposal does not meet the requirements under the Local Electoral Act 2001 for fair representation for the electors of the Wairarapa Constituency.</i>
<i>That three single-member constituencies for the area of Lower Hutt City be established.</i>	<i>Rejected. This proposal does not enhance fair or effective representation for the population of Lower Hutt City.</i>
<i>That the Council re-establish the Wairarapa Committee.</i>	<i>Rejected. The Council's committee arrangements fall outside of the representation review.</i>
<i>That the number of elected members be reduced to eleven.</i>	<i>Rejected. This proposal does not provide effective representation when compared with the Council's proposal.</i>
<i>That the Council's boundaries should not extend into Tararua District.</i>	<i>Rejected. Alteration of the regional boundary falls outside the ambit of the representation review.</i>
<i>That the Council should comprise 23 members: Lower Hutt – 5, Upper Hutt – 2, Porirua-Tawa – 3, Kapiti Coast – 2, wellington – 9. Wairarapa – 2.</i>	<i>Rejected. The Local Electoral Act 2001 provides that the total membership of a regional council must be between 6 and 14 members (inclusive).</i>

6. *Notes that as the Council's final representation proposal does not comply with the +/- 10% rule of fair representation, it will be forwarded to the Local Government Commission, together with any appeals and objections received on the final proposal, for determination.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

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