



REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS: NOTICE OF INITIAL PROPOSAL

Under sections 19H and 19J of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Franklin District Council is required to undertake a review of its representation arrangements for the triennial local authority elections to be held in 2010.

Such a review must be undertaken, despite the Royal Commission on Auckland Governance's recommendations, and the Government's decisions about the future governance arrangements for Auckland.

In light of the above, and that current representation arrangements comply with the representation arrangements legislative criteria, Council has resolved to retain the status quo as its initial proposal. The initial proposal (number of wards, number of councillors, number of communities etc) is unchanged from the arrangements in place for the 2007 triennial local government elections.

Council Representation

At its meeting on 23 April 2009, the Franklin District Council resolved to retain the current 4 wards, represented by 12 Councillors plus the Mayor. The 4 wards, the number of Councillors per ward, the ward populations (estimated as at June 2008) and the population ratio per Councillor are as follows:

Ward	No. Councillors	Population	Population Ratio
Northern	3	15,700	5,233
Pukekohe	3	17,150	5,716
Southern	3	14,750	4,916
Waiuku-Awhitu	3	15,600	5,200

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each Councillor represents must be within the population range of 5,266 plus or minus 10% (4,740 - 5,793).

The above wards, which are considered to reflect communities of interest, are described as:

- Northern comprising the area delineated on S.O. Plan No 335501 deposited with Land Information New Zealand (this being the existing ward);
- Pukekohe comprising the area delineated on S.O. Plan No. 335503 deposited with Land Information New Zealand (this being the existing ward);
- Southern comprising the area delineated on S.O. Plan No 335502 deposited with Land Information New Zealand (this being the existing ward);
- W a i u k u - comprising the area delineated on S.O. Plan No 335500 deposited with Land Information New Zealand (this being the existing ward).

Community Board Representation

Council has also resolved to retain the current 2 community boards. The 2 communities will elect a total of 8 members with the members of each community board elected by the electors of each community as a whole (communities are not to be subdivided).

Each community is to have a community board, the number of elected and appointed members together with a description of the community described as:

- Onewhero- 4 elected members, comprising the area delineated on Tuakau S.O. Plan No 63538 deposited with Land Information New Zealand (this being the existing community).
- W a i u k u - 4 elected members, comprising the area of the Waiuku-Awhitu Awhitu Ward (this being the existing community).

Reasoning

In reaching its decision on retaining the status quo representation arrangements, Council considered that the current communities of interest, number of Councillors, number of wards, number of Councillors per ward and population of each ward, provides the citizens of Franklin District with fair and effective representation.

Council also recognises that the status quo is the best option in light of the impending changes to Auckland's governance arrangements.

Further Information

For further information on the representation arrangements review, contact Paul Davies, Democratic Services Unit Manager, Franklin District Council (ph 09 237 1300).

Submissions

Any interested person or organisation may lodge a written submission to the above representation arrangements review. Submissions should be addressed to: **Democratic Services Unit Manager, Franklin District Council**, 82 Manukau Road, Pukekohe, or Private Bag 5, Pukekohe. Submissions should state your name, address, telephone number and email address (if you have one) and should reach the Council no later than **4.00pm on Thursday 28 May 2009**.

Council will read and consider all submissions. Please clearly state if you wish to speak in support of your submission. Please note that any submission made will be available to the public. Hearings and meetings on the review will be open to the public

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