



PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

COUNCIL

9AM, TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2021

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COUNCIL MEETING

21 September 2021

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Apologies

2. Notification of Additional Items

Pursuant to Sections 46A(7) and 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, to receive the Chairperson's explanation that specified item(s), which do not appear on the Agenda of this meeting and/or the meeting to be held with the public excluded, will be discussed.

Any additions in accordance with Section 46A(7) must be approved by resolution with an explanation as to why they cannot be delayed until a future meeting.

Any additions in accordance with Section 46A(7A) may be received or referred to a subsequent meeting for further discussion. No resolution, decision or recommendation can be made in respect of a minor item.

3. Declarations of Interest (if any)

Members are reminded of their duty to give a general notice of any interest of items to be considered on this agenda and the need to declare these interests.

4. Representation Review 2021 - Hearing of Submissions

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5. **Representation Review 2021 - Summary of submissions and consultation** Page 135

Memorandum, presented by Hannah White, Democracy & Governance Manager.

6. **Confirmation of Minutes** Page 141
 "That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 1 September 2021 Public be confirmed as a true and correct record."

7. **Council Work Schedule - September** Page 155

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEETING

8. **Presentation of the Public Planning & Strategy Committee's Recommendations from its 8 September 2021 Meeting** Page 159

9. **Exclusion of Public**

To be moved:

"That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting listed in the table below.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered		Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing this resolution
10.	Minutes of the ordinary meeting - Part II Confidential - 1 September 2021	For the reasons set out in the ordinary minutes of 1 September 2021, held in public present.	

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the

relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as stated in the above table.

SUBMISSION FROM CONSULTATION

TO: Council

MEETING DATE: 21 September 2021

TITLE: Representation Review 2021 - Hearing of Submissions

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

That Council

1. Hear submissions from presenters who indicated their wish to be heard in support of their submission.
2. Note the Procedure for Hearing of Submissions, as described in the procedure sheet.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Submission 1 to 81 [!\[\]\(d27edc55493507da2f9b8c7a52b3b96f_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(9bf7a72a60a57323fa980b9b0338593f_img.jpg\)](#)
2. Procedure Sheet [!\[\]\(4b60241e906ef61007ada3e521a0c6a3_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(5c2af0230acb459edf1f07c643964277_img.jpg\)](#)

Submission No.	Submitter	Organisation
1	Susanne Edwards	
2	Alan Clark	
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7	Josh Thompson	
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10	Rukmini Clark	
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17	Anna Marie Gerretzen	
18	Natalie Rowney	
19	Dorothy O'Donoghue	
20	Carl de Malmanche	
21	Mark Andrew	
22	Tim Kendrew	
23	Grant Spiers	
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25	Darryl Witton	
26	Angela Tracey	
27	Chrissy Paul	
28	John Shennan	Retired Unionists' Movement
29	Christine Elers	

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30	Georgia Etheridge	
31	Larry Carne	
32	Annette Nixon	
33	Jean Hera	Te Ha Hine-ahu-one PN Women's Health Collective
34	Mike Dixon	
35	Michael Hardman	
36	Robert Goddard	
37	Evan Williams	
38	Thomas Austin	
39	Sue Pugmire	
40	Andy Hickman	All Saints Anglican Church
41	Richard Croucher	
42	Chrissy Toms	
43	Gillian Gilbert	
44	Neville Lockwood	
45	Gladys Vining	
46	Ross Nixon	
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50	Mark Braithwaite	
51	Ben Bunyan	
52	Simon Murphy	
53	Joanne Davies	
54	Anita Bidlake	
55	Rachel Pedley	
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Submission No.	Submitter	Organisation
58	Nicolette Faville	
59	Marilyn and Bruce Bulloch	
60	Vanessa Rozenberg	
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63	Heinz Fellerhoff	
64	Gavin Lees	
65	Dee Hunt-Turner	Manawatū Community Law Centre
66	Jill Belchamber	
67	Linda Samuelsson	
68	Malcolm Todd	
69	Julia Manssen	
70	Chris M Robertson	
71	Matthew Whitbread-Edwards	
72	Miko Kirschbaum	
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75	Elizabeth Hill	
76	Amanda de Hoop	
77	Callum Wilson	
78	Trevor Kirk	
79	John Julian	
80	Elizabeth Campbell	
81	Margaret Wood	

From:
Subject:

Submission
FW: Submission on representation review 2021

15356165

Your contact details

Name
Susanne Edwards

Organisation

Hearing

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
No

We're proposing to have 15 councillors

Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors?
Yes

Comments
I wld not like the number reduced just so remaining councillors get a pay rise, as deputy mayor suggested. Also less councillors more work.

We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election

Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election?
Yes

Comments

We're not proposing to establish any community boards

Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards?
Yes

Comments

Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?

Comments
Get rid of the planter boxes on Pioneer Highway. No to parking charges at night and Sunday. Happy for hourly rate to go up to \$2/h.

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15355450

From:
Subject:

Submission
FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Alan Clark
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments Both councillors and city corporate do a great job for Palmerston North and I feel no expansion of council is needed. Particularly no additional cost need be incurred in these challenging times.

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From:
Subject:

Submission
FW: Submission on representation review 2021

15356165

Your contact details
Name Junaid Hilal
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments For a meaningful consultation process, it would be good to publish the proposal in different languages. I understand there cost involved with this. Perhaps, another option (assuming this isn't done) is to engage with various community associations (e.g., multicultural society, MMA, PKNZ etc) and request them to co-hold workshops with the council and explain this proposal.

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From:
Subject:

Submission
FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Peter TeRangi
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

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15352814

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Daniel Wilson
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Zoe Erridge
Organisation Plant and Food Research
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Other
Comments Why is the Maori electoral roll used to vote for the 2 councillors? I understand they have to be Maori, but everyone should have the opportunity to vote for them surely ...
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

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15359780

From:
Subject:

Submission
FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Josh Thompson
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments As the cost isn't changed, better to have the two Maori wards.
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments It seems to be working ok, so if it ain't broke don't fix it.
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments I think there is a valid argument that the villages have distinct character and communities and it is worth looking at having community boards for them. However, this needs to be done in a coordinated way and I don't think Bunnythorpe should jump the gun and get a community board before the other villages do.
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?

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15358188

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Brad Cassidy
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

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From:
Subject:

Submission
FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details

Name

Thomas Anthony Goff

Organisation

Hearing

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

Yes

We're proposing to have 15 councillors

Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors?

No

Comments

Auckland council has 20 councilors. Palmerston North is a much smaller community and I believe 10 councilors would better free up some of the \$995k+ spent on councilor remuneration to be spent on more community projects.

We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election

Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election?

Other

Comments

I believe a combination of at large and geographic wards would be a more effective way of establishing fair representation within the PNCC. Many of the current councilors are unaware of the nuanced issues within different suburbs of Palmerston North but we are also an at large community and should bare in mind the fact that many councilors have lived in many different suburbs within the city.

We're not proposing to establish any community boards

Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards?

No

Comments

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It would be more efficient to manage the community in smaller portions rather than attempting to manage it as a whole. This would also help support my proposal to reduce the number of councilors and would allow a better engagement within the community.

Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?

Comments

I believe the council is not currently doing the best job possible engaging with the community. A large number of citizens are unhappy with the councils performance and need more engagement and interaction with their elected officials. In any event the current model, in my opinion, does not represent the best interests of the Palmerston North community nor does it allow for a satisfactory level of engagement or proportional representation for a number of suburbs within the community.

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details

Name

Rukmini Clark

Organisation

Hearing

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

No

We're proposing to have 15 councillors

Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors?

No

Comments

That's far too much.

We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election

Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election?

No

Comments

We should have wards so councillors are visible and accountable to constituents.

We're not proposing to establish any community boards

Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards?

No

Comments

There are most definitely communities that have different needs and there shouldn't be a blanket representation - they should have a councillor to represent them and their interests at the table.

Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?

Comments

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I'd like to see councillors more visible - I've never met any and only see them out and about during elections. Their meeting attendance and active participation should be made public regularly - proactively, not via OIA.

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Nina Mercer
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Rebecca Culver
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name jenny Olsson
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Yes
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments I agree with the 15 Councillors I agree 2 councillors will be elected from the Te Pūao Māori Ward I believe the the mayor should make time to do (if he is not already doing so) a clinic at Bunnythorpe and this should cover both afternoon and early evening, and he should be accompanied by a councillor
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? No
Comments If at the actual election time you are not proposing to do ward voting as such THEN to get a better responsibility and accountability either ask councillors which area they would like to represent or just give them an area to be responsible for. If they get an area they do not know about - GOOD,< You are a councillor representing them go away and learn what there problems are, Set yourself up with a clinic once a month and be thee to listen to those who voted. This needs to happen so that people can see and have a time when they know that as a voter they will get access to a councillor
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? No

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Comments

My comments above my mitigate some of these feelings.

Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?**Comments**

I know a councillor has many papers to read an workshops to attend BUT I firmly believe that council should mandate councillors to take responsibility for a community learn bout it and take it's issues to Council in a considered manner while at the same time telling then what if anything is being proposed that is going to have an affect on them We voted them in BUT we do not see their transparency. How Stupid is it to have a questionnaire about representation when the mast head picture is the backend of parked cars and headline of palmy parking review. You make things very confusing. When the questionnaire under the banner has absolutely nothing to do with parking

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Leonard Royce Williams
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

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15266171

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details

Name

Nicola Burtenshaw

Organisation

Hearing

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

No

We're proposing to have 15 councillors

Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors?

Yes

Comments

We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election

Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election?

Yes

Comments

We're not proposing to establish any community boards

Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards?

Yes

Comments

Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?

Comments

I don't like that I am not able to vote on the 13 candidates from the Te Hirawanui General Ward. As I am on the Māori roll, I only get the opportunity to vote for 2 candidates and not 13 - which I think is counter productive to limit people on the Māori roll. My vote is important across the whole as this is my council - we can for the mayor but not for councillors is not right. I want this changed so I can vote for all people running for council.

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15365785

From:
Subject:

Submission
FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details

Name
Todd Williams

Organisation
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Hearing

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
No

We're proposing to have 15 councillors

Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors?
No

Comments

We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election

Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election?
No

Comments

We're not proposing to establish any community boards

Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards?
No

Comments

Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?

Comments

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From:
Subject:

Submission
FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Anna Marie Gerretzen
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

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From:
Subject:

Submission
FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details

Name
Natalie Rowney

Organisation

Hearing

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
No

We're proposing to have 15 councillors

Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors?
No

Comments

I agree with Maori Wards but 15 councilors for a city the size of Palmerston North is a lot. I don't believe that it is a justifiable expense.

We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election

Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election?
Yes

Comments

We're not proposing to establish any community boards

Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards?
Yes

Comments

Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?

Comments

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Dorothy O'Donoghue
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? No
Comments I agree we need Maori representation because there is never enough of that. However 15 councillors is over kill when Palmy has a population of around 80,000. Compare this to Auckland who seem to be doing just fine with only 20 councillors in a city of 1.5million. We don't need 15 councillors for 80 thousand people. It just doesn't make sense plus think of the money you are spending on salaries that could be used in the community instead. I think of anything we need less councillors.
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments I agree however you need to start listening to the public instead of just following through with projects that the public aren't happy with. This is our city too.
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

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15373160

From:
Subject:

Submission
FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details

Name

Carl de Malmanche

Organisation

Hearing

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

No

We're proposing to have 15 councillors

Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors?

Other

Comments

I do not and will not support any proposal that holds for Maaori Wards or any racial, gender, sexuality, age, ethnic, religious segregated group of people, and regard such as a criminal illegal act designed to deliberated violate the New Zealand Human Rights Act 1993 (No 82).

We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election

Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election?

No

Comments

Absolutely Not. The entire point of wards is to carry to _representation_ at the council leadership table. The voice of people in that specific area. Thus those in CBD have a say in what affects them, and Westbrook have representation of the factors that affect specifically people in that area. And the council and councillors exist for the sole purpose of provide the necessary services to those areas, and to bring representation of those areas to a central discussion point. The Council is not supposed to be a "at-large" opportunity for socialists to practice their personal political beliefs and personal unicorn projects with other peoples money.

We're not proposing to establish any community boards

Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards?

No

Comments

If you "think that there are communities in or around the city that are so different or separate" then you are NOT doing your job properly - which is something told to you and your people so many times and you

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won't listen that people are simply giving up and deciding you're all just corrupt and into your own projects and we might as well not bother - only the sycophants are left

Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?

Comments

No to racist wards. Yes to representing the people. No to rates rises.

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From:
Subject:

Submission
FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details

Name
Mark Andrew

Organisation

Hearing

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?
No

We're proposing to have 15 councillors

Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors?
Yes

Comments

The proposed structure of 13 Te Hirawanui General Ward and 2 from the Te Pūao Māori Ward is the most sensible and fair option. This proposal of 15 councillors in total is consistent with half of the people who took part in preliminary consultation in 2018 who thought the number was just right. Palmerston North is well served by 15 elected representatives who, despite criticism, the size of it has enabled a diverse and broadly experienced range of Councillors to be elected. The population of Palmerston North, and workload of Councillors, is only increasing and will continue to do so. Cutting the size of Council may make a nice headline for a day, however, will leave Council with less room to elect diverse candidates, will lead to a heavier workload for fewer Councillors at the expense of effective democratic representation that is responsive to the needs of a growing city. I strongly disagree with the arbitrary calls to reduce the size of Council as some Councillors have advocated for recently for a range of reasons, specifically financial. I do not say this from a 'privileged position'. Every election there are a range of talented, experienced, diverse, grassroots based candidates who put their names forward to stand for Council. Yes, the current remuneration will be a barrier for some. There will always be barriers. However cutting the size of Council in the hopes it will encourage more to stand, and hope they will be elected, will be at the expense of effective local representation in a growing city with big city ambitions. It is important Council support the current proposal that will ensure there is a fair representation for Māori at the Council table. Any proposal to reduce the size of Council overall will limit Māori representation to one seat and limit decision making authority to fewer individuals. A council of 15 is necessary to ensure there is a fair ratio of voters to Councillors with the 13/2 proposed structure. I encourage you all to support this.

We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election

Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election?
Yes

Comments

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Based on the current size of Council, the current structure works well for Palmerston North. And has done since it was introduced in 2013. This ensures any person, regardless of where they live in our city, has access to any Councillor. We are also well served by current serving Councillors living in various parts of the city.

We're not proposing to establish any community boards

Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards?

Yes

Comments

I support many of the comments made by Councillors at the recent meeting. Bunnythorpe, as a relevant case of note, is well served by the Greater Bunnythorpe Committee. This committee also has existing, positive working relationships with elected members and Council staff. As the saying goes: if it ain't broke, don't fix it. I don't support adding another layer of bureaucracy when there are existing partnerships in place. Establishing a board in one section of the city will set a precedent for boards elsewhere. Maintaining the current model of 15 councillors ensures there is effective local representation across the city where the ratio of population to Councillor is appropriate.

Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?

Comments

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15377031

From:
Subject:

Submission
FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details**Name**

Tim Kendrew

Organisation**Hearing**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

No

We're proposing to have 15 councillors

Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors?

Yes

Comments

• This option is preferred by mana whenua, Rangitāne. • Given the Council's decision to adopt a Māori ward, it is my view that this opportunity to establish a strong independent Māori voice on Council should be maximised by allowing the most possible seats. • The strongest possible Māori voice at the Council table is an important and essential step towards honouring the Council's obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi as a delegate of the Crown. • Whilst it is true that Māori can stand in general wards, (a) this has not historically resulted in Māori candidates winning seats on Council, and (b) Māori who are elected in general wards are accountable to the general population, and therefore cannot be a truly independent, Tiriti-based, Māori voice in decision making. • As a Māori elector, reducing the number of Councillors after establishing a Māori ward would give me the impression that the Council now wishes to dilute the Māori voice at the table. What is most important? Reducing the number of Councillors, or having the most Māori seats the current law will allow? Given your stated commitment to building a strong partnership with mana whenua and te iwi Māori generally, you must choose the latter.

We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election

Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election?

Yes

Comments**We're not proposing to establish any community boards**

Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards?

Other

Comments

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The people of Bunnythorpe clearly view themselves as having a separate community of interest, and to say they do not have different needs to those living in the city is disingenuous. I am not sure whether establishing a Community Board will be the best way to address their concerns, but I think the council must show that community that they are listened to.

Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?

Comments

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15373819

From:
Subject:

Submission
FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details

Name

Grant Spiers

Organisation

Hearing

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

No

We're proposing to have 15 councillors

Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors?

No

Comments

1 We the ratepayers told you in a binding poll that we do not want Maori wards. Why are you not complying with what the ratepayers want? 2 Leave councillors at 13 and abolish Maori Wards otherwise you will not be re-elected next term. 3 You Councillors are acting on your own personal beliefs - Not the people that voted you in. 4 You are traitors to constitution and what people want 5 Will you take a pay decrease to pay for these new Maori seats? Why should ratepayers pay 6 You ***** don't give a **** about ratepayers

We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election

Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election?

No

Comments

We need Councillors that represent our ward. The current system is not working which is evidenced by your current decisions to vote in Maori wards and increase our rates without consultation. Also the stupid boxes and barriers down Ruha street. You did not consult with real cyclists or ratepayers

We're not proposing to establish any community boards

Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards?

No

Comments

You are creating a dictatorship by having no community boards and as above you are making wrong decisions without consulting with us ratepayers

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Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?

Comments

Yes 1 Get rid of bike barriers down Main Street. Cyclists don't use this street and it is causing motor vehicle accidents 2 Get rid of barriers on Ruha street - We need as many parks and free - flowing traffic as possible - Not restrictions 3 All you Green Councillors should resign. The state of drains and roads on Flyers line and Airport are disgusting. They are an unofficial rubbish dumps and you are doing nothing about it 4 No more housing for poor. Ratepayers are struggling to pay rates as it is - We cannot afford increases

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From:
Subject:

Submission
FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details

Name

Katarina Gray-Sharp

Organisation

Hearing

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

No

We're proposing to have 15 councillors

Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors?

Yes

Comments

We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election

Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election?

No

Comments

(1) Sitting councillors have active investment in multiple communities, many of which form their voting constituency. However, they are required under the current system to represent not only those voting publics, but the 62.6 per cent of non-voters (based on 2019 voter turnout as reported by Local Government New Zealand). Unfortunately, citywide voting appears to be a barrier to democratic participation. Elections based on locality (or wards) may help. (2) When representatives are required to speak for a given community, like a neighbourhood, engagement is enhanced. This is because those representatives share a life with their neighbours. They put out their recycling on the same day, see the graffiti at the local reserve, drive through surface flooding, and notice the new kerbside plantings. They understand their local community's concerns, because they share them. Representing a specific community gives that community a voice and a representative a place to call home.

We're not proposing to establish any community boards

Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards?

No

Comments

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(1) I believe community boards should be established. (2) The principle of subsidiarity shifts the emphasis away from centralised bureaucracies to local decision-making. This does not require complete devolution, simply an expansion of information networks. We have had difficulties with our local reserve that PNCC staff attempted to resolve without consultation. If there had been a community board, the matter could have been resolved more easily. (3) This questions is unclear – using negatives in the middle of a phrase decrease the chance a respondent will understand the question. It is similar to the question used during the 2018 survey. Analysis of responses may require the explanation or a follow-up contact.

Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?

Comments

Withhold my contact details from publication (but not my name).

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From:
Subject:

Submission
FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details**Name**

Darryl Witton

Organisation**Hearing**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

No

We're proposing to have 15 councillors

Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors?

No

Comments

I do NOT support Maori wards when there is already provision for Maori to be heard above and beyond any other race! It's plain racism. Most of Palmy feels this way, yet council is pushing ahead yet again?! NO! STOP WASTING OUR RATES! The last referendum showed we clearly do not want this! You are attempting to sneak it through with the wording and way this submission is structured.

We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election

Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election?

Yes

Comments**We're not proposing to establish any community boards**

Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards?

No

Comments

Maxwells Line is treated like the ass end of town. We still have overhead powerlines and council has wasted our rates losing in court in attempts to block our closest supermarket from opening. In fact we can't even turn towards our end of town from our current closest supermarket (blocked from turning right onto pioneer highway) and are always

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ignored in roading decisions. If we are to remain status quo, it would be great to actually be seen as part of the rest of the town!

Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?

Comments

I would like to actually be represented. Hell, I pay for it! Unfortunately, I expect this submission to find its way into the black hole that exists for all complaints outside of the current councils plan. Our voice is not respected.

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Angela Tracey
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Chrissy Paul
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments I am pleased that the PNCC is placing Maori representation as a priority for our city. nga mihinui
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments Yes Maori representation is an across the board responsibility
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments It would not make sense to separate out diversity for our city representation but should be inclusive. Maori representation is required at every place and level as tangata whenua working in partnership under Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Mauri ora
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

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Kia kaha PNCC, It is refreshing that you recognise the disadvantage of Tangata Whenua that has led to the under representation of Maori in local councils across our nation. Unfortunately democracy advantages majorities that has enable long term access to resources, a voice, privilege, rights and dominance while minorities, even if we are of this land, struggle to access. I support your kaupapa. Nga mihi mahana A community worker

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name John Shennan
Organisation Retired Unionists' Movement
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments It is important to have a good number of Councillors so the community is well represented and there is a higher likelihood that quality individuals are selected. It would be wrong to have just one Maori representative (although better than having none at all).
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Other
Comments My heart is with wards but my head says the current arrangement seems to work. With Maori wards at least tangatawhenua will get a vote at the Council table. I think there has always been an imbalance of representation giving business too much control.
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? No
Comments Refugees and migrants, low paid - socioeconomic groups, disabled folk are groups that have a need for community boards.

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Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?

Comments

Parking is not an issue for me and cycle lanes are boring. I am very positive about the current Council; well done on social housing, Maori wards and the living wage. Stay on course with the rail hub near Bunnythorpe. All good.

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Christine Elers
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? No
Comments Still important to hear as many diverse voices as possible.
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Georgia Etheridge
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments I
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Larry Carne
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Yes
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? No
Comments There is far too much maori language used in council correspondence. It means nothing if you do not understand it and therefore the documents are not read. I quickly lose interest in any document that uses maori as its main or former method of communication.
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election?
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards?
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments As a rate payer I feel extremely disconnected to this council. I feel I am not heard and my views are treated with scant regard. Council has disregarded overwhelming ratepayer preference in previous requests for ratepayer opinion.

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Annette Nixon
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments I support this representation change.
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments After this change is embedded I would like to see geographical wards reconsidered.
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Jean Hera
Organisation Te Hā o Hine-ahu-one Palmerston North Women's Health Collective
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Yes
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments We fully support a structure which allows for the change to 2 councillor positions to be elected from Te Pūao Māori Ward. We would support a structure where 13 others are from geographic wards. A second preference would be 13 from Te Hirawanui General Ward with 2 councillor positions to be elected from Te Pūao Māori Ward. We think it would not be acceptable to reduce the numbers of councillors in any way that would restrict to only 1 councillor from Te Pūao Māori Ward. We have been long supporters for the need for Māori Wards and want to see this change occur well and in a way the 2 elected to Te Pūao Māori Ward seats being able to support each other within this new structure.
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? No
Comments We prefer the geographic ward system. The ward system would be more equitable with 2 per geographic ward being voted for unless you are voting for the two Te Pūao Māori Ward positions.
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Other
Comments

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There are many communities of interest within Palmerston North. We would challenge the view that PN is one large community of interest.

Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?**Comments**

Our main emphasis is to support 2 councillors being elected from the Te Pūao Māori Ward. We want this to occur within a Council of 15 Councillors in total and Mayor, and in a structure that is not more expensive, and which fosters growing diversity and strong community accountability as well as excellence.

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Mike Dixon
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? No
Comments We need less, not more, to effectively run this council. Too many cooks in the kitchen so to speak.
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? No
Comments How about North, South, West & East, in respect for our navigational ancestors, who came here from all directions. Easy Ward names to remember
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

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This is bureaucracy at its best. Wasting funds on this nonsense instead of getting on with fixing our roads & infrastructure.

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Michael Hardman
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? No
Comments If we are going to have wards then the city should be split into geographic wards. At large voting without STV is undemocratic and easily leads to dominance by one particular political view.
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Other
Comments No opinion.
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Robert Goddard
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? No
Comments For a city of our size we already have far too many elected officials. You only need to look at Wellington or Christchurch to see we have too many. We should reduce the number to eleven (11) which would included the Mayor elected from within and by the 11 Councillors and not as a separate election at-large. This position would revolve around the 11 elected members on an annual basis. Thus for a three year term three Councillors would hold office each for one year.
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? No
Comments With the decision to have a Te Pūao Māori Ward then we should also have the city divided into geographic and other wards that allow for the closer representation to communities of interest. I propose one (1) Te Pūao Māori Ward and Ten (10) geographic wards. The division could be done on one (1) circular central ward (representing CBD interests), four (4) suburban wards (representing the four quadrants of the city) and five (5) outer wards spread around the city (representing areas surrounding Bunnythorpe, Ashhurst, Summerhill, Linton and Longburn). I see this suggestion as vital as development proposals arise that impact on local communities of interest and those communities need local councillors to back any concerns they have rather than them being lost in the amorphous whole of an at-large council.

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We're not proposing to establish any community boards

Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards?

Yes

Comments

From my above proposal I believe the decision to have a Te Pūao Māori Ward means that you cannot argue against general wards in favour of what you term as one general ward. The city is not one large community of interest as you state above. Having the one Te Pūao Māori Ward that I propose, rather than the two that you want, already means that you have decided there are communities of interest. There is no need for community boards over and above the ten (10) additional single representatives of the wards I propose. To cover the idea of community boards you could reintroduce periodic ward meetings open to the local communities and chaired by the local ward councillor.

Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?

Comments

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Evan williams
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Other
Comments I agree to having 15 councillors. I would prefer to have them all voted in under a democratic process. I don't agree with the Maori wards being pushed upon us.
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments I do not like the names that have been "gifted to the people of Palmerston North " I think this woke agenda you guys are pushing will only create divide.

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Thomas Austin
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Sue Pugmire
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments I very much like your initial proposal and am happy to go with that. Kia ora Koutou

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Andy Hickman
Organisation All Saints Anglican Church
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments Sounds reasonable and achievable
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments Well done, team, and thank you for serving our community and offering your leadership Nga mihi nui, kia kaha Andy

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Richard Croucher
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? No
Comments No racist maori seats. very undemocratic
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? No
Comments Need to keep wards to hold councillors accountable to the people.
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Other
Comments No view
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments Focus on the nuts and bolts of running the city and not woke social engineering.

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Chrissy Toms
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? No
Comments I feel we are all one people and should be represented as such...eg. kiwis/New Zealanders.
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? No
Comments As above.
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Gillian gilbert
Organisation Citizen
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? No
Comments To many councillors in this bad economic times and do not agree on Maori wards everyone should be voted regardless of colour or creed need responsible councillors with a bit more money sence
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? No
Comments Don't establish wards of any description should be palm nth that's it
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? No
Comments All should be equally treated think rates are far to high and people losing jobs ,wage reductions ect the concil is a bunch os spendthrifts cut your cloth to what you can afford
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?

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Comments

Spend on necessities not frivolous crap that rate payers have to pay for be more practical

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Neville Lockwood
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? No
Comments
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? No
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? No
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name gladys Vining
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Ross Nixon
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? No
Comments A big fat ENORMOUS *NO* to wards or councillors based on the skin colour of one of their ancestors!!!
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments Don't be racist. Part-Maori ancestry does not make one inferior and needing special privileges.

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Mayan Schraders 374
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments I think it's important to have a Maori vote.
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments This makes more sense to me than having separate wards.
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Kerry Abel
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments Yes. Presuming the ratio of councillors to electors is roughly the same in both wards. Also, presuming we have roughly the same ratio of councillors to residents as in similar sized cities
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Michael and Dawn Edney
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? No
Comments There is a need for ward representation, as elected councillors do not understand all the various issues of different areas of the city.
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Mark Brairithwaite
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? No
Comments I don't believe that there should be a Maori Ward. All prospective Councillors should be treated equally regardless of gender, race, orientation or religious persuasion. They should be elected by the majority of electors. A Maori Ward dilutes that requirement.
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments I agree that Councillors should Be At Large. To be consistent with this idea there cannot be Maori Wards.
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details	
Name	Ben Bunyan
Organisation	
Hearing	
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?	
No	
We're proposing to have 15 councillors	
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors?	
Yes	
Comments	
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election	
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election?	
Other	
Comments	
If it could be done I think a mix allowing some geographic wards and some preference votes would be beneficial	
We're not proposing to establish any community boards	
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards?	
Yes	
Comments	
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?	
Comments	

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Simon Murphy
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Joanne Davies
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Anita Bidlake
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Rachel Pedley
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? No
Comments We don't need 15 councillors to make decisions for our city. Less is more.
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? No
Comments There shouldn't be a split between general and Maori - why did the councillors go against its constituents?
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments Please just treat everyone the same. Please do not keep putting Maori signs on our cycle way that most cannot read. Unhelpful.

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Colin Fenton
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? No
Comments Firstly, I am a Maori and feel this would only divide Maori and the rest of the public even more. If anything we need to bring our multi-cultural society even closer, not create divisions as council is proposing.
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments However, I don't agree with any wards. Not necessary for our low population.
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments So why even have wards. Not necessary and a waste of rate payer money.
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

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New Zealand had the best race relations in the world. Slowly this is being eroded by minority groups with their own agendas.

Merle Lavin

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Richard Clulee
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? No
Comments Maori wards are a race based concept and therefore are racist by definition. Any person or any ethnicity can stand and be elected in any ward at present. Our most recent elected councillor was from an ethnic minority, we have several current councillors with Maori heritage both past and present so clearly there are no barriers to Maori representation. I see that in recent times the council has unilaterally decided to roll out dual language, Maori and English in almost all council communications and customer facing portals, that almost all new council/community assets are named with Maori names and this indicates that Maori interests are well represented in council at the moment. In addition Iwi are currently consulted by council and their views are presumably taken into account as a community of interest in Palmerston.
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments At large is OK. Agreement to this does not mean I support Maori Wards being established.
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes

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Comments

Yes agree. However if we are, as stated, "one large community of interest" why would we need additional representation opportunities for Maori?

Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?

Comments

Be brave and reject the racist and anti democratic principal behind Maori Wards. In this world there are few brave leaders that stand up for the people that vote them in. Be one of them and make Palmerston North a city that others can smile upon. If you don't believe in being brave then at least support the will of the electors of Palmerston North with have consistently said we do not want race based Maori wards.

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Nicolette Faville
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments I think it's a very positive move to include two Māori seats on council.
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Other
Comments There needs to be stronger representation of the disabled community on our council. They have many needs that are very different to other groups, and also different within that community, and are largely "drowned out" or given cursory thought in regards to a lot of the development of our city and region. Research shows the designing for the disabled community first benefits the whole community, often in unforeseen ways.
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details**Name**

Marilyn and Bruce Bulloch

Organisation**Hearing**

Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?

No

We're proposing to have 15 councillors

Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors?

Yes

Comments

We are happy to support the current number of City Councillors at 15 plus a Mayor. The current number of Councillors and a Mayor appears to work well. These numbers allow for absences due to illness, family reasons or other important reasons. This number of Councillors also caters for a variety of views from different sections of the community. We are generally not in support of the mandated race-based representation but are prepared to accept it, acknowledging Maori and iwi partnership requirements. We understand that Iwi representatives will continue to be appointed to council committees. Currently these Iwi representatives have voting rights on council committees but not full Council. Is this correct? A choice needs to be made between having Maori Ward Councillors or Iwi representatives on Council Committees, not both. Maori interests can also be put forward via the Submission or Consultation Processes as currently available to the general population. The Council is also obliged to consult Iwi when making most decisions.

We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election

Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election?

No

Comments

We do not support elections at-large for Councillors. For general Council elections we wish to see a return to the former Ward-based representation system. This will mean dividing the city into Wards. Previously the city was divided into 5 Wards. Therefore, we request the re-establishment of the Ward System of voting which previously worked quite well. We believe the city does comprise significant communities of interest. Local

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representatives are familiar with their local areas and get to know the local residents. This intimate knowledge is not easily achieved city-wide. The Ward System helps to ensure a geographical distribution of Councillors across the city. Some of the current day councillors were elected as a result of the Ward System but with city-wide voting this historic representation has diminished. The Ward System of voting also allows candidates of limited ability, financial or otherwise, to stand for election. Consequently only wealthy people or those with significant financial backing will have a chance of getting elected. Alternatively, we would support a hybrid system with possibly half of the Councillors choosing to stand for election as a Ward representative, or else as a City-wide Councillor Representatives.

We're not proposing to establish any community boards

Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards?

No

Comments

We do not agree with the proposal to not establish any Community Boards. Villages should be regarded as distinct communities that require separate representation. We do support the establishment of Community Boards where requested by the community. There are communities of interest around the villages such as, for example, Bunnythorpe, Ashhurst, Longburn and Linton. It is naïve to expect Councillors elected at-large to know what is going on in any community, at grass roots level, in all parts of the city and its surrounding villages and rural areas. Sometimes you need to walk around a neighbourhood to get a feel for what is happening rather than just driving past in a vehicle. You may indeed need to live in a community to get a feel for the place.

Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?

Comments

Public Consultation on the Representation Review. We have some concerns regarding public consultation on the Representation Review. During the previous Review there were criticisms over the lack of public consultation - see Stuff article (Tuesday 28 August, 2018) entitled "Lack of Public Voice Queried". At this time there was also confusion over what round of consultation was the actual formal consultation (there were two rounds of consultation). This time we have not seen much publicity on the matter. We eventually found a formal notice in The Guardian newspaper printed in a very small font. Latterly we have heard a few public announcements on the radio. We have not seen any publicly available printed material such as in the form of a booklet or leaflet as produced last time. We may have missed publicity. There has also been an over-reliance on access to the Council website via the internet, as is common these days. We noticed a list of Representation Review Pre-engagement Sessions published on the PNCC website. Most of these sessions appear to be targeted towards special interest groups. There appears to have been no sessions targeted at the general public. Or did we miss such sessions? Public Election Candidate Meetings. In the past there has been some concern over the lack of meet-the-candidate meetings. Whose responsibility is it to organise such meeting? Should the responsibility be left to the candidates themselves to organise these meetings? Or should the responsibility be left to the likes of church or environmental groups, for example? In the past we have seen a candidate organise a public meeting on the same night as a Council meeting. We believe that the Council itself should organise a reasonable number of meet-the-candidate meetings across the city. Otherwise there is a

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perception that the Council is favouring the sitting candidates. Councillors Contact Details. For many decades in the past, and until recently, Councillors contact information has included details such as their home address and landline telephone numbers. With the advent of new technology, they have also been able to be contacted via cellphones, text and email, etc. Now the only contact details that are often provided is an email and/or a cellphone number. This makes Councillors all rather inaccessible as the caller wishing to contact a Councillor may be relying on an expensive prepaid cellphone plan or not have access to the internet. In some areas Councillors emails have been vetted and blocked by Council staff. Councillors themselves also have to be technologically competent. Emails to Councillors may go unanswered or unchecked if they are not aware of receiving them. The move away from the Ward system has also accelerated the gulf between the Councillors and members of the public. It is not surprising that voter turnout is dropping off. People do not know who their Councillors are. Will the Privacy Act necessitate the non-publication of Councillor contact details as happened with the submission process where contact details are whited out? We will not be surprised if this happens. Those standing for Council should make all their contact details public. Caller ID and answerphone features on landlines can assist with managing phone calls.

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Vanessa Rozenberg
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Other
Comments This one is one I don't think I can give a clear answer to. I believe that the more voices we have on council the more representative and diverse the view will be so in that respect I believe that we need to have more councillors and the councillors elected from the Maori Ward need to be in addition to the number of councillors we are already electing from the general role. However, I also believe we need to be fairly compensating all councillors for their time. As a result of the pay having to be split between more people, each councillor will be paid less.
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? No
Comments As is seen every election, those who are able to spend big money on signs and advertising, typically are more successful at election time. This is limiting the number of people who are likely to be elected and giving us less representation across the socioeconomic spectrum. If we want a truly representative council, having this diversity is important and I believe this is one way we can begin to reduce this barrier (people also know their councillors are actually local to them and campaigning in one area reduces the burden on each candidate).
We're not proposing to establish any community boards

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Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards?

Other

Comments

For me this is a case of one or the other, we either need geographical wards so that all communities are fairly represented, or we need a place for communities to feel like they have a voice (that could be having councillors more accessible to our remoter regions or giving them a platform local to them to bring up issues).

Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?

Comments

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Russell Lindsay HALLAM
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Jeremy Campbell
Organisation n/a
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Other
Comments 15 seems too many as a total BUT 2 seems the bare minimum for Māori ward (2 / 15 = 13% whereas current popn = 15% with projected increase to 18% in next 10 years source = PNCC)
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

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Is there a way to remove national political affiliations from the mix (National, Labour, Green etc) as that is creeping in and doesn't feel appropriate at a local level

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Heinz Fellerhoff
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Yes
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments <p>Palmerston North clearly has a participation issue from an Elector's perspective, with less than 40% of eligible electors choosing to cast a vote in the last 3 elections. While this low rate is not unique to Palmerston North it does cause concerns regarding how representative Council is of the city populace (as opposed to those who choose to vote). I believe that having more Councillors will likely lead to greater participation as opposed to having less and would expect this participation to outweigh the potential negative impacts on what candidates choose to run (as it does impact what remuneration Councillors receive) and also allows the work required of Councillors, specifically engagement with the community, to be spread (many hands make light work). I would also like to express a preference that there should be 2 seats within the Te Pūao Māori Ward due to similar to non-Māori, Māori are not a monolith that shares the same or single view over its population and I would consider it ironic to create a situation where by default up to half of the Te Pūao Māori Ward electors will be unrepresented, especially when a goal of achieving Māori representation is driving the decision. I would suggest for Councillors who believe this is not an issue to ask themselves the following question, "If there was only one seat on Council, would Council it be representative of the City in a meaningful way?", if they believe it would not be, I will request they think on why their opinion changes when it comes to Maori electors.</p>
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments

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I have a strong preference that the election remains at a "at-large" basis as I do not believe someone's geographic location is a good metric to determine their interests as well as it leading to a very restrictive criteria for who would be able to run, and be successful. I would expect a change from a "at-large" basis to have a detrimental impact on the City's democracy.

We're not proposing to establish any community boards

Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards?

Other

Comments

I would not support the establishment of community boards if there are 15 Councillors, I feel the onus should be on the Councillors to engage with the community as opposed to delegating that work out (effectively making having such a large number of Councillors redundant). I would however support the establishment of community boards if the total number of Councillors dropped substantially as engagement with the community would no longer be viable for many of the City (albeit many currently do not engage anyway).

Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?

Comments

Thank you for voting to establish the Maori ward :)

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Gavin Lees

23 August 2021

The Mayor and Councillors
Palmerston North City Council
PALMERSTON NORTH

Submission – Representation Review

Your Worship and Councillors

This submission is designed to highlight an issue that arises from the proposed “Representation Review” models in that all those models effectively limit the voting scope of a proportion of Palmerston North electors. It also proposes a possible solution to that inequality.

In presenting this submission the following points are made:

- I am in support of the creation of a Māori Ward
- I am in support of the wards being named as follows:
 - A general electoral roll ward called Te Hirawanui General Ward
 - A Māori electoral roll ward called Te Pua Māori Ward
- There is no need for any community boards.

Whilst I personally favour a City Council consisting of 12 elected representatives and a Mayor this submission will address the issue of inequality of voting power for a council that consists of either 12 or 15 elected representatives plus a Mayor.

The inequality of each electors’ votes is reflected in the fact that those electors in the Te Pua Māori ward will only be able to elect (up to) two Councillors whereas those on the Te Hirawanui General Ward will be able to elect (up to) 13 Councillors.

It is this submitters belief that all electors should be able to vote for at least 50% of all Councillors.

Therefore, based on the belief that Councillors do not want to create additional wards, it is proposed that the structure of the Palmerston North City Council be as follows:

For a Council consisting of 12 elected members plus a Mayor;

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- The Te Hirawanui General Ward 5 members
- The Te Puao Māori Ward 1 member
- Members elected by voters on all rolls (at-large) 6 members

This would enable those voters on the Te Puao Māori Ward to vote for 7 Councillors.

For a Council consisting of 15 elected members plus a Mayor;

- The Te Hirawanui General Ward 6 members
- The Te Puao Māori Ward 2 member
- Members elected by voters on all rolls (at-large) 7 members

This would enable those voters on the Te Puao Māori Ward to vote for 9 Councillors.

Whilst this two-vote system may seem a little clumsy it is in essence very similar to the two-vote system we currently use to elect members to our House of Parliament.

Previously, this submission has stated a preference for a reduced Council to 12 members plus a Mayor. The main rational behind such a preference is impact it will have on Councillor remuneration. A reduction in Council numbers will increase each individual Councillors remuneration and therefore possibly increase the number of people standing for Council and therefore better represent the community.

I wish to speak to this submission.

Yours faithfully

Gavin Lees

Send to:

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Dee Hunt-Turner
Organisation Manawātū Community Law Centre
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? No
Comments Compared to the other cities and based on population, ratio and area, I think a lower number should be considered.
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Jill Belchamber
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? No
Comments I don't believe we should have Maori councillors, but we are required to have them. Cut the number of councillors over all. We have too many,maybe 9/2
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments We have one of the largest number of councillors in NZ, per population, we should be reducing our spending. Some of the ideas are superficial not of any practical use. Like

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the Cuba St upgrade. I am a working class home owner, wages just about on the minimum rate, so its a struggle to pay the ever increasing rates.

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Linda Samuelsson
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments I welcome more Maori representation in our city council.

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Malcolm Todd
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments I think this set up will be good. I have no Maori descent but I value the Maori point of view and involvement, especially in the way they connect to water and the environment, and I think it will add to the richness of the whole community.

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Julia Manssen
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? Yes
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? No
Comments Does this mean that which ever way we look at it, we will have a separation of the people. There will be Maori on one side and all others on the other side. That is racist.
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? No
Comments Once again, we, the people of Palmerston North voted against separate rolls for the city council. And once again the people and our democratic right has been replaced with the separation of the people. Racist.
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? No
Comments Does this mean that which ever way we look at it, there will be a Maori representative and a representative from the general ward. Racist.
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

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In a democratic country under a so-called democracy system, this current government and this council have taken democracy away and replaced it with a dictatorship.

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Chris M Robertson
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments All 15 must be elected on the basis that all citizens are equals.
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments N.A.
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments N.A.
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments No.

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Matthew Whitbread-Edwards
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? No
Comments 15 seems a very high number of councillors, which will add excess cost to the rate payers. Can this number be reduced.
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? No
Comments Would prefer wards based on suburbs, so that it is more likely that we get councilors coming from across the city and being more diverse rather than most of them coming from a small number of suburbs and more likely to be wealthy semi retired businessmen. Having multiple wards will see the different communities in our city better represented, and would encourage people who are well known and respected in their local area to stand, whereas if we had only one ward they may not be well known across the whole city to stand much chance of getting on the board.
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? No
Comments

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Would prefer to see community boards as we are not "one community" but a number of smaller communities - i.e. Ashhurst and Linton are separate towns with their own identity and issues.

Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?

Comments

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION REVIEW 2021 SUBMISSION FORM

We want to hear from you.

Fill out a submission form and have your say by **4pm 6 September 2021**.

Privacy Statement: Please note that all written submissions, including the contact details on the submission, will be made available to the public and media unless you specifically request that your contact details are kept private.

Your Contact Details	
Full name / Organisation	Miko Kirschbaum
Postal Address	
Email	
Phone	
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission at the hearing scheduled for 21 September 2021?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If you would like to speak to your submission, please ensure the contact details section of this form is completed and we'll be in touch with you to arrange a time for you to be heard.
Councillors	
1. We are proposing to have 15 councillors This means 2 councillors will be elected from the Te Pūao Māori Ward and 13 councillors will be elected from the Te Hirawanui General Ward. The Mayor will be elected by the whole city.	
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Wards	
2. We are proposing to remain "at-large" for our basis of election "At large" means we are not proposing to divide the city into any geographic wards. Electors will vote from across the city for their preferred candidate standing in either the Te Pūao Māori Ward (for those on the Māori Electoral Roll) or the Te Hirawanui General Ward (for those on the General Electoral Roll).	
Do you agree with the proposal to remain "at-large" for our basis of election?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Community Boards	
3. We are proposing not to establish any Community Boards Because Palmerston North has one large community of interest, we don't think that there are communities in or around the city that are so different or separate from one another that they would need a Community Board to represent them.	
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish Community boards?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you would like to share with us?	
Full details attached	

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BE HEARD PALMY!

72-2**Detailed Submission on the Palmerston North City Council
Representation Review 2021****Miko Kirschbaum - 6 September 2021****Executive Summary**

The introduction of Maori wards is a welcome step to ensure equitable representation of all section of the community in the elected Palmerston North City Council. However, the establishment of Maori wards throws up various challenges related to representative fairness for all voters, real or perceived injustice, bias and favouritism and restricted voting flexibility. The continued absence of any kind of district representation also remains an ongoing weakness of the current and proposed future electoral arrangements.

This submission proposes an alternative electoral approach that constitutes a simple refinement of the single transferrable voting system. It would address and resolve the various problems outlined above. It would allow the establishment of district representation and Maori representation in a way that would be fair and equitable for all voters, and, just as importantly, it would be perceived to be just and fair. It could be achieved without losing or undermining any of the advantages of the current 15-member single transferrable voting system used in Palmerston North.

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1. Introduction

Palmerston North currently uses the Single Transferrable Vote (STV) system for elections. That is a good arrangement that has served Palmerston North well. Nothing that is written in the following should distract from the essential quality of the system in terms of translating voters' wishes and preferences into the most appropriate representation on the Council. However, in the following, I will outline a proposal that would retain all qualities of the current system but with a simple addition to the lay-out of ballot papers would achieve even better community representation, including a ready incorporation of a Maori ward.

The decision to include Maori wards is, in principle, a good and welcome step to ensure full and equitable democratic representation of all sections of the community. The proposal in the form suggested by the PNNC is, however, unduly inflexible and potentially unfair. It also lends itself to criticisms of favouritism, and any inclusion of undemocratic procedures may well fuel future opposition to the existence of Maori wards and may then threaten their continued existence under different political realities in the longer term. It would, therefore, be preferable to seek an implementation of Maori wards that would avoid these possible criticisms and thereby minimise the grounds of possible future opposition to their continued existence. If the aims of Maori wards can be achieved without creating possible resentment and opposition, it would ensure their longer-term survival.

When the decision was made for all 15 Councillors to be elected by the community at large instead of using a number of smaller district-based wards, it essentially made a decision in favour of representing greater diversity rather than locally-based representation. It essentially stated that representation of diversity is more important than representation of local communities.

When the question is framed in terms of a decision between these two extremes, it is hard to argue against the advantage of favouring diversity over representation of local concerns. But what if we could have both? What if we could have local representation without compromising the ideal of representation of diversity?

In the following, I will briefly discuss the key problems and short-comings of the current proposal and then describe an alternative implementation of STV that could overcome those problems and achieve even better representation, instead. The proposed system was originally developed in Canberra by Ian Buchanan in the 1990s when the Australian Capital Territory was exploring alternative methods of representation in Canberra's local Assembly. The system was then referred to as the 'Buchanan Application of Hare-Clark'. In Australia, the term 'Hare-Clark' is used to refer to the STV system.

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2. Maori Wards

Let me preface this section by stating that I am generally in favour of the introduction of Maori wards. As a country and as a city, we still have not yet achieved full equitable participation in important decision-making by all sections of the community, and the principle of Maori wards is an important part of moving towards that greater equity. So, the following should not be seen as a criticism of Maori wards per se, but simply as a criticism of its proposed implementation. I will present an alternative voting system that can achieve the intended principles of Maori wards while avoiding any of the stated short-comings.

2.1 Undemocratic Outcomes

The currently proposed implementation calls for two Maori-ward councillors to be elected, with 13 Councillors to be elected by the general ward. That means a representation of 2 out of 15 or 13.3%. Is that an appropriate percentage? Or does it constitute over-representation or under-representation? According to the numbers given as part of the information for this submission, 12% of voters of Palmerston North are currently on the electoral role. 2 out of 15 Councillors would, therefore, constitute only a small, and possibly acceptable, level of mis-representation, but those number could change over time, creating an increasing imbalance. In any case, any institutionalised level of misrepresentation would be undesirable.

2.2 Perceived Bias or Favouritism

Even if the actual representation of Maori Councillors reflects the percentage of voters on the Maori roll reasonably well, that may not prevent any perception of mis-representation. Different individual may perceive that any set representation level may be either above or below appropriate levels. This arrangement can too easily feed into and reinforce any existing prejudices and should be avoided if possible. The notion by opponents of Maori wards that “they get special treatment” can be too easily reinforced by any perception that this “special” treatment also leads to unfair levels of representation.

The creation of special Maori wards can too easily be seen as favouritism or special treatment. People may feel that voter in Maori electorates would in some way receive special treatment and greater political influence than their number of voters would warrant as fair and democratic. While ensuring that Maoris achieve fair and equitable representation on the Council, the creation of specially designated wards should not, and should not be perceived, to disenfranchise other voters who could also feel underrepresented.

2.3 Flexibility

While the ideal of more appropriate Maori representation is, of course, to be applauded, voters should still be able to exercise as much flexibility as possible as to whom they actually want to cast their vote for. What if none of the Maori candidates at a particular election garners sufficient support from their voters for them to make suitable representatives? Should Maori voters be forced to be represented by somewhat they would not want to vote for? While Maori voters may prefer to be represented by candidates in Maori wards, should they be forced to accept those representatives even though they might prefer to cast their

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vote for a non-Maori representative at an election if none of their Maori choices appeal to those voters?

Conversely, some Maori candidates might have strong appeal to both Maoris and non-Maori voters alike. They may also have strong appeal to a wider cross-section of society in addition to their Maori affiliation, but with the proposed set-aside Maori wards, these strong candidates would be unable to gain non-Maori support.

Many individuals may also feel that they have a Maori connection but it may not be very strong, and they may wish to support Maori candidates if they are strong and credible, but would prefer to cast their votes in support of candidates who share their environmental, labour or business concerns with or without Maori affiliation. Under the current proposal, those voters would have needed to have made a decision at the time of electoral enrolment that would then determine whether they can participate in the Maori or non-Maori wards. It's an all or nothing choice. It would preclude the option of making that decision at election time, when that decision could and should be made in view of the available candidates.

The proposed implementation of Maori wards ignores the reality that Maoris and non-Maoris do not exist as two clearly distinct blocks. Instead, there are many overlaps and shades of affiliation. Individual Maoris may have Maori links through their cultural heritage and identity, but they are also part of the wider community, where all residents of Palmerston North share the same concerns and issues of living in this city.

3. District Representation

While I agree with the notion that representation of community diversity is more important than district representation, district representation is nonetheless important as well. The question of the introduction of Community Boards is a clear indication that many residents feel that their local district concerns are not well heard. Currently, there is no mechanism for local issues to be brought before the Council. If a resident is concerned about a particular local issue in their neighbourhood, whom they turn to? Which of the 15 elected Councillors is responsible for taking up that local issue?

While the importance of district representation may be less important than representation of the diversity of the community, the absence of district representation is nonetheless a weakness of the current electoral arrangements. While district representation should not be introduced at the expense of representation of diversity, the ideal would be a system that can achieve district representation and representation of diversity.

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4. The Proposed Electoral Modification

The various problems and short-comings outlined above can be resolved by a simple, but powerful, modification to the electoral system. This has been referred to in Australia as the 'Buchanan application of Hare-Clark'.

In the counting of the ballots, the proposed system would follow the normal procedure for the counting and analysis of votes as practices for STV with a single 15-member electorate. Voters would continue to have the right to vote for any of the contesting candidates, and to be elected, candidates would require the normal quota needed to secure a seat in a 15-member electorate.

The only modification would be the placement of candidates' names on ballot paper, with the names of candidates competing in a given district, or a Maori ward, placed above a dashed line, while the names of all other candidates would be placed below that line. This placement would provide the information to voters as to the candidates who stands in their district, and the placement would encourage voters to vote for those candidates in preference. However, voters would not be compelled to follow that suggestion and would be able to give higher preferences to any of the competing candidates.

Importantly, candidates would need to nominate for one district or another, including the Maori ward. If they are elected, they will be associated with that electorates, and might be designated as the Councillor for district X. They would be expected to represent that district, and residents will know which Councillor to contact about their local concerns. Elected representatives will know that they could be shunned at the next election if they were to ignore the concerns of the district they have opted to represent.

5. Illustrating The Proposed Electoral Modification

In the following, I give an example of the way Palmerston North could be structured and divided into districts, and how voters might vote. For this illustrative purpose, I have assumed that Palmerston North could be divided into six districts, four based on simple geographic coordinates, a fifth to the south of the Manawatu River (Aokautere), and one Maori ward. If the illustrated proposal were adopted, others might like to decide on appropriate names for the different districts. Districts would not have to be of the same size as it would not advantage or disadvantage any voter or candidates if they were standing in a large or small district as long as the number of candidates standing in each district adjusts itself with the size of the district.

Candidates would know that they had an advantage if they were competing as one of a small number of candidates in a large district. One could therefore expect that candidates will choose to stand in districts that maximise their chance of election, which should work to create a level playing field.

While the system retains flexibility in the size of districts, districts should not be too small, however. If districts were so small that the number of their voters would be insufficient to elect even one member from that district, then that district would be left without

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representation. That would obviously be undesirable and should and could be prevented by choosing district sizes to ensure enough voters in each district so that at least one Councillor would be likely to be elected. So, even the smallest districts should generally have more than 15th of the total enrolment. For a Council with 15 members, the system would probably work well with 5-8 districts, including a Maori ward. So, different candidates might nominate for the different districts as shown in Table 1.

North-west	North-east	Western	Eastern	Aokautere	Maori
Pete Sue Henry	Hamish Ellen Carol Owen	Amber John Cindy	Claire Jane Simon Janice	Ingrid James Carl	Nikau Maia Kauri Aroha
Ellen John Jane James Kauri Carl Simon Janice Aroha Nikau Ingrid Claire Amber Hamish Maia Cindy Owen Carol	James Maia Pete John Ingrid Cindy Sue Claire Amber Henry Janice Aroha Nikau Jane Simon Carl Kauri	Janice Carl Maia Pete Ellen Kauri Henry Sue Claire Hamish Owen Carol Aroha Nikau Jane Simon James Ingrid	Henry Sue John Hamish Owen Carol Amber James Cindy Pete Ellen Kauri Maia Carl Ingrid Aroha Nikau	Maia Pete Janice Aroha Nikau Cindy Simon Ellen Kauri Jane Owen Carol Hamish Henry Sue John	James Cindy Simon Henry Sue Pete Janice Ingrid John Ellen Hamish Jane Owen Carl Carol Amber Claire

Table 1. An example of a possible arrangement of candidates for election based on 5 districts and 1 Maori ward. Candidates listed above the dashed line would nominate for the listed district, while candidates listed below the line would have nominated for one of the other districts. All candidates would be listed on every ballot paper. Voters would receive a ballot paper for their district, with the names of candidates from their district listed above the line and other candidates listed below the line.

So, in this example, we might have three candidates nominating for the North-west district and 18 candidates for the other five districts. So, the names of Pete, Sue and Henry would be placed on top of the dashed line on ballot papers for voters from the North-west district and below the dashed line on the ballot papers of all other districts. At election time, voters would simply ask for the ballot paper of their district and find the names of their district's candidates on top and those of all other candidates below the line. The ballot papers for two districts, North-west and Maori wards, are shown in Table 2.

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North-west		Maori	
Pete	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nikau	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sue	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maia	<input type="checkbox"/>
Henry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kauri	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Ellen	<input type="checkbox"/>	Aroha	<input type="checkbox"/>
John	<input type="checkbox"/>	James	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jane	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cindy	<input type="checkbox"/>
James	<input type="checkbox"/>	Simon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kauri	<input type="checkbox"/>	Henry	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carl	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sue	<input type="checkbox"/>
Simon	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pete	<input type="checkbox"/>
Janice	<input type="checkbox"/>	Janice	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aroha	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ingrid	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nikau	<input type="checkbox"/>	John	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ingrid	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ellen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Claire	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hamish	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amber	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jane	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hamish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Owen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maia	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carl	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cindy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carol	<input type="checkbox"/>
Owen	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amber	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carol	<input type="checkbox"/>	Claire	<input type="checkbox"/>

Table 2. An example of the lay-out of two possible ballot papers for 2 districts. The names of candidates would need to be randomised separately for candidates' names above and below the line.

On each ballot paper, the names of candidates above and below the line would have to be independently randomised to ensure fairness for all candidates. So, two specific ballot papers might look as shown in Table 2.

Voters would then be free to mark their preferences for any of the available candidates. This is illustrated in Table 3 for two voters who received the North-west ballot papers. Voter 1 would start by indicating preferences for two of the candidates from their own district, Sue and Pete. Then, however, the voter jumps to two candidates from other districts because they had particularly appealed to them, but only two other candidates stand out in that voter's mind. After that, they return to their own district for a final preference.

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North-west (Voter 1)		North-west (Voter 2)	
Sue	1	Pete	
Henry	5	Sue	5
Pete	2	Henry	6
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Cindy		Ellen	
Kauri		John	
Carl		Jane	
Carol		James	
John	3	Kauri	1
Nikau		Carl	
Jane		Simon	
Maia	4	Janice	
Amber		Aroha	4
Hamish		Nikau	2
James		Ingrid	
Janice		Claire	
Owen		Amber	
Ellen		Hamish	
Ingrid		Maia	3
Simon		Cindy	
Claire		Owen	
Aroha		Carol	

Table 3. An example of two possible ballot papers for the north-west districts together with marked voter preferences. It is assumed here that there is no minimum number of preferences for voters to mark.

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Voter 2, on the other hand, is assumed to have split loyalties. It is a Maori voter, who also has a strong connection to the voter's North-west home district. So, the voter asks for a North-West ballot paper but then decides to give highest preferences to the four Maori candidates before returning to the voter's home district for two more preferences, but the voter omits to give a preference for Pete because of a personal dislike.

In this example, voter 1 largely selected their district representatives at highest priority although that was also combined with other considerations to lead to a mixed and complex voting outcome. Voter 2, on the other hand, gave low priority to the voter's district, but directed voting preferences on some other basis, in this case, opting for Maori candidates. Other voters might have made their voting decisions based on ideological considerations, or just selecting the most credible and appealing candidates with scant regard to their district affiliation. However, even voter 2 was assumed to return to their district once other attractive candidates had received the voter's higher preferences.

	First preferences							After preference distribution											
	NW	NE	W	E	Aok	Maori	Total	General	Total	NW	NE	W	E	Aok	Maori	General			
Pete	1,500							500	2,000	0						0	0		
Sue	2,000							750	2,750	2,700						2,300	5,00		
Henry	3,500							250	3,750	4,300						700	5,00		
Hamish		4,000						1,500	5,500		4,000					1,000	5,00		
Ellen		3,500						800	4,300		4,000					1,000	5,00		
Carol		3,000						500	3,500		4,500					500	5,00		
Owen		2,000						1,500	3,500		0					0	0		
Amber			2,000					800	2,800			0				0	0		
John			2,500					2,200	4,700			3,500				1,500	5,00		
Cindy			3,000					1,500	4,500			4,000				1,000	5,00		
Claire				4,500				1,500	6,000				4,500			500	5,00		
Jane				3,000				700	3,700				3,500			1,500	5,00		
Simon				2,500				500	3,000				3,000			2,000	5,00		
Janice				1,000				700	1,700				0			0	0		
Ingrid					2,500			1,500	4,000					3,500		1,500	5,00		
James					1,500			1,000	2,500					0		0	0		
Carl					2,000			500	2,500					2,500		2,500	5,00		
Nikau						3,000		700	3,700						4,000	1,000	5,00		
Maia						3,000		800	3,800						3,500	1,500	5,00		
Kauri						3,500		500	4,000						3,500	1,500	5,00		
Aroha						1,500		1,300	2,800						0	0	0		
Total	7,000	12,500	7,500	11,000	6,000	11,000	55,000	20,000	75,000	7,000	12,500	7,500	11,000	6,000	11,000	20,000	75,000		

Table 4. An example of possible votes received by different candidates. In this example, the candidates in green are elected while those in orange miss out. The bottom row shows the number of votes cast in each district. Votes are categorised by first preferences received from the candidates' home districts and those when they were listed below the line. First preferences are, of course, easy to count and assign to different sources. It becomes more difficult for distributed preferences, so that is just indicative here.

A possible overall vote and preference distribution is shown in Table 4. It assumes a quota of 5000 votes for election. In this example, it was assumed that about 2/3 of votes would be

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cast for candidates in the voters' home districts, with 1/3 of voters preferring candidates from other districts. These proportions could change with voters' indicated preference for the importance of local vs city-wide concerns, or with the attractiveness of particular candidates that might not reside in the voters' home districts. A key advantage of the system would be that it can accommodate these differing, and possibly changing, voter preferences.

As shown in the voting example, in Table 3, voters may elect to follow a mixed voting strategy by weighing up the attractiveness of individual candidates against the importance of seeing their home district being represented. The reality of voting in Palmerston North is probably such that voters develop familiarity with only few individual candidates whom they may put on the ballot paper and then possibly give further preferences to the less-well known candidates from their own districts. That could provide a base number of votes to different districts in proportion to the size of the districts and ensure an eventual good representation by all districts.

So, in this example, all districts ended up with good representation that reasonably closely reflected a similar representation per votes cast in those districts. Whether that would ultimately happen would depend on voters' choices and preference distributions in line with the perceived strengths of different candidates in the view of relevant voters.

District	Votes	Elected candidates	Votes per elected candidate
North-west	7000	2	3500
North-east	12500	3	4167
West	7500	2	3750
East	11000	3	3667
Aokautere	6000	2	3000
Maori	11000	3	3667

Table 5. Summary of the numbers of votes received for candidates in their home districts and total candidates elected for all districts as well as the ratio of votes to elected candidates.

Voters could choose to completely ignore their district information and vote for their preferred candidates from the whole electorate, and other voters could choose to stay exclusively within their districts and decide to cast no preferences for candidates outside their district. In practice, there is likely going to be a mixture in voter choices based on their perceived assessment of different candidates and the strength of their association with their home district. So, the extent of district or diversity representation would be decided by voters through their preference distribution at each new election. The system would not force that decision on voters, but voters would make that decision anew at every election.

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6. Advantages of the Proposed New System

The proposal addresses and rectifies the various problems outlined above. Since all candidates need to be elected with the same quota of votes, outcomes would clearly be fair. Whether a candidate stands to be elected for a Maori ward, or any other district, they would all need to gain the same level of support. It would thus be fair, with all votes having the same value and the same chance of electing representatives, with no population groups having any unfair advantage or disadvantage over any other.

Just as importantly, the electoral conduct would also obviously be fair. This obvious and transparent fairness would also ensure that there could be no suggestion of any bias or favouritism towards or against any group. This would minimise the potential of Maori wards continuing to remain a divisive issue in society. It would also make it less likely that this form of Maori representation might be overturned by any future government under different political circumstances. It would be important to retain the important function of a well-enshrined mechanism of ongoing Maori representation in elected bodies.

The proposed system would also provide maximum flexibility for voters. The placement of candidates' names only informs and encourages voters. It does not compel them to vote in particular ways. Voters can follow or ignore any encouragement to vote for certain candidates. Voters would be able to vote for any candidate contesting an election. Maori voters would not have to make a binding choice by either enrolling on the Maori electoral role or not to. Instead, they can make an ad-hoc choice as they walk into the polling booth, or even later as they see the choice of available candidates on the ballot paper.

As an extra bonus, the proposed system would provide district representation, and it would do so without losing the ideal of representing the diversity of views in society. It would achieve the best of both worlds. For voters, the system would also be just as easy to use as the existing voting system. The arrangements of candidates' names and the inclusion of an extra horizontal line should not create any extra complications.

7. Conclusions

The voting system currently used in Palmerston North works well, and there is no need for fundamental changes. At the same time, the introduction of Maori wards creates an opportunity and a necessity to look at the system afresh. While the introduction of Maori wards is welcome in principle, it throws up various challenges that can undermine the credibility of Maori wards and create related problems of overall electoral credibility.

In this submission, I propose an alternative electoral approach that essentially constitutes a simple refinement of the single transferrable voting system. This is known in Australia as the 'Buchanan Application of Hare-Clark'. It would address and resolve the various problems outlined in the creation of Maori wards. It would also allow the establishment of district representation, which could be achieved without losing or undermining any of the advantages of the STV system as it is currently used in Palmerston North.

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(Submission Withdrawn)

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Harvey Jones
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? No
Comments <p>I believe that there are various communities of interest within the city boundaries, which warrant some form of representation. The likes of Bunnythorpe and Ashhurst are each distinct communities, and have particular community views which are not the same as their city neighbours. While city residents may consider these areas to be merely suburbs of the city, many of us believe we have a distinct village character which we want to maintain. While there is no formal public representation meetings at Ashhurst in which residents can uncover development plans and discuss preferred options, rumours will continue to flourish with growing opposition to development plans imposed by councillors who may not be aware of residents' preferences.</p>

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Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?

Comments

The Representational Review report to Council of 4 August has suggested that "regular community drop-in sessions" may address accountability concerns for some residents in Ashhurst and Bunnythorpe. While a drop-in session may be seen as council being easily available to ratepayers, it tends to dilute community discussion and debate, and could be viewed as a divide and rule strategy by some residents. A collective view and discussion generated in a forum meeting format is a far better option for an improved consensus of residents' views, when they are presented with an outline of Council activities in the region. Their collective wisdom for their home town and knowledge of local physical amenities and infrastructure can often improve or alter proposed changes to gather better support from the local community. While a Community Board may be a too top heavy with governance requirements, I propose that informal forums be provided on a regular basis (eg. 3 or 4 times a year) to advise residents of Council activities in their region with representation of Council by some councillors and officers and respond to questions.

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Elizabeth Hill
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments Councillors must remain at no more than 15 as currently because compared to other comparable cities we are sitting at the upper level of councillors for the size of the city's population.
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments Seems the least cumbersome way to administer and to elect.
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments Agree with council's explanation.
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments

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Could we still run the Maori wards as a trial for two elections to see if it is serving the best interests of the residents of Palmerston North.

From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Amanda de Hoop
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? Yes
Comments
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? Yes
Comments
We're not proposing to establish any community boards
Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards? Yes
Comments
Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?
Comments Maori representation is an excellent step in the right direction.

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From: Submission
Subject: FW: Submission on representation review 2021

Your contact details
Name Callum Wilson
Organisation
Hearing
Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission? No
We're proposing to have 15 councillors
Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors? No
Comments Having 15 councillors is an absolute waste; the council is oversized and lacks accountability as-is. Council voting in favour of establishing Maori wards despite the overwhelming majority voting against this in a referendum illustrates that the 'council knows best' and does not respect the community's wishes, nor act in its best interests. The woke trend of translating everything to Maori to give the appearance of made-up partnership or priority does nothing to help representation or overall good outcomes. The council's actions create a race-based elite where ordinary people are unable to critically evaluate things on clear principles, with additional costs and vague concepts creeping into plans unchallenged. If the council is to proceed with this, I suggest, and even freely gift, some alternative and more apt names for the new wards: "We're all equal in a democracy" General Ward; and "Racial separatist, anchored to requiring special treatment" Maori Ward.
We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election
Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election? No
Comments Introduce Wards to provide more accountability and connection to communities. At-large representation is clearly a failure, evidenced by the ongoing lack of engagement from Public, and out of touch decisions by council.
We're not proposing to establish any community boards

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Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards?

No

Comments

There must be better representation for business interests. Commercial ratepayers are hammered by the rates, without proper recognition or accountability.

Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?

Comments

Overall, the council is utterly failing in its role to represent the interests of the whole community; failing to maintain basic infrastructure like roads; failing in basic decision making like Parking. Why bother even having councillors when their role seems to be nothing more than rubberstamping whatever committees and working groups have had fed to them from the latest LGNZ conference; all the while rates increases are out of control, and the overpaid CEO and bloated council corporation escape scrutiny. There is little wonder that community engagement - except for asking for handouts - is at such a low.

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Your contact details**Name** Trevor Kirk**Organisation****Hearing****Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?** Yes**We're proposing to have 15 councillors****Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors?** No**Comments**

Less councillors would mean an increase in remuneration for the individual councillors .This increase may encourage more people to put their names forward

We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election

Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election?
No

Comments

I would prefer to have councillors elected on a ward basis . We had this system in the recent past . The Awapuni ward had 2/members who held regular meetings with its rate payers where you could bring up issues and get your Questions answered,,

We're not proposing to establish any community boards

Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards?
Yes

Comments

Agree with this proposal .We do not need an extra layer of bureaucracy

Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?**Comments**

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Your contact details**Name** John Julian**Organisation****Hearing****Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?** No**We're proposing to have 15 councillors****Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors?** Yes**Comments****We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election****Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election?**
Yes**Comments****We're not proposing to establish any community boards****Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards?**
Yes**Comments****Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?****Comments**

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Your contact details**Name** Elizabeth Campbell**Organisation****Hearing****Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?** No**We're proposing to have 15 councillors****Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors?** No**Comments**

Firstly I would like to know why we need 15 Councilors, do they all have a specific responsibility? In many cases Community Boards are a better way of reflecting the people in any one part of the district. We do have diversity within the area. If we had to have 15, they should all be voted for on an even keel, reflecting every one of our diverse areas, fit for the purpose, we are all ONE (or so said Aunty Cindy) so why not act that way, why put fences between people who all should be wanting the same outcomes, for the betterment of our families, our city and lifestyle.

We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election

Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election?
No

Comments

Not sure that will truly reflect your ratepayers.

We're not proposing to establish any community boards

Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards?
No

Comments

One of the best way's to ensure true representation of your ratepayers.

Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?**Comments**

Just because there are Community Boards, the unity of the Council should not be challenged, at the end of the day, the voted representatives should be representing their voters to ensure all decisions are for the good of the City.

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Your contact details**Name** Margaret Wood**Organisation****Hearing****Would you like to speak to Council in support of your submission?** No**We're proposing to have 15 councillors****Do you agree with the proposal to have 15 councillors?**

No

Comments

Less is better, 2 or 3 less

Think all should be treated as New Zealanders, with no preferential treatment which is divisive. Poll provision should still be in place.

We're proposing to remain at-large for the basis of our election**Do you agree with the proposal to remain at-large for our basis of election?**

Yes

Comments

Councillors are spread across the city

We're not proposing to establish any community boards**Do you agree with the proposal not to establish community boards?**

Yes

Do you have any other thoughts or comments you'd like to share with us?**Comments**

Spend more on basics rather than the frills, for example, it is preferable to spend on uneven footpaths rather than buying more statues

Procedure Sheet

Hearing of Submissions – Representation Review 2021.

Presenting your submission	<p>You have indicated a wish to present your submission before Council, you can do this either in-person or online. You may speak to your submission yourself or, if you wish, arrange for some other person or persons to speak on your behalf.</p> <p>We recommend that you speak to the main points of your submission and then answer any questions. It is not necessary to read your submission as elected members have a copy and will have already read it.</p> <p>Questions are for clarifying matters raised in submissions. Questions may only be asked by elected members, if the Chairperson gives permission.</p>
Time Allocation	<p>10 minutes (including question time) will be allocated for the hearing of each submission. If more than one person speaks to a submission, the time that is allocated to that submission will be shared between the speakers.</p>
Who will be there?	<p>Council will hear the submissions.</p> <p>There will also be other people there who are presenting their submission. The Hearing is open to the media and the public.</p>
Agenda	<p>An agenda for the meeting at which you will be speaking will be forwarded to you once available. The agenda lists the submissions in the order they will be considered by Council, although there may be some variation to this.</p>
Venue	<p>The meeting will be held in the Conference and Function Centre, Main Street, Palmerston North.</p> <p>The room will be set out with tables arranged appropriately. You will be invited to sit at the table with the Councillors when called.</p> <p>Under alert level 2 protocols please scan into the meeting room, wear a mask at all times (even when presenting) and keep a social distance of 2 metres.</p> <p>You can also attend remotely via Microsoft Teams. The committee administrator will send you a link to the meeting. Please read the guidance note on online meeting etiquette so you are familiar with what to expect.</p>
Tikanga Maori	<p>You may speak to your submission in Maori if you wish. If you intend to do so, please contact us no later than four days before the date of the meeting (refer to the "Further Information" section below). This is</p>

	to enable arrangements to be made for a certified interpreter to attend the meeting. You may bring your own interpreter if you wish.
Visual Aids	PowerPoint will be available for your use. Please send your presentation to the committee administrator before the meeting.
Final Consideration of Submissions	Final consideration of submissions will be at the ordinary meeting of Council on Wednesday 6 October 2021. The media and public can attend this meeting, but it will not be possible for you to speak further to your submission or participate in the Council deliberations.
Changes to this Procedure	The Council may, in its sole discretion, vary the procedure set out above if circumstances indicate that some other procedure would be more appropriate.
Further Information	If you have any questions about the procedure outlined above please contact Sarah Claridge, Democracy & Governance Advisor, phone 06 356-8199 extension 7152 or email sarah.claridge@pncc.govt.nz .

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council

MEETING DATE: 21 September 2021

TITLE: Representation Review 2021 - Summary of submissions and consultation

PRESENTED BY: Hannah White, Democracy and Governance Manager

APPROVED BY: Sheryl Bryant, Assistant Chief Executive

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

- 1. That the memorandum 'Representation Review 2021- Summary of submissions and consultation' presented to Council on 21 September 2021 be received.**
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1. ISSUE

- 1.1 The purpose of this memorandum is to outline the consultation process and provide a summary of the submissions received. A copy of the submissions received is included in the agenda.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Initial Proposal was adopted for consultation by Council on 4 August 2021.
- 2.2 Consultation on the Initial Proposal for representation arrangements for Palmerston North City Council was open from 6 August 2021 until 4pm 6 September 2021.

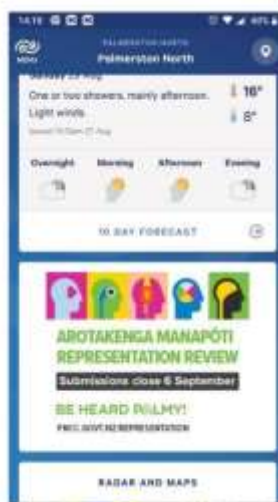
3. SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The goals of the consultation were to meet our obligations under the Local Electoral Act, to heighten awareness of the representation review and encourage submissions.
- 3.2 The submission form broke down the Initial Proposal into three questions: whether submitters supported the number of councillors proposed, the basis of election (at-large) proposed, and the proposal not to establish community boards.
- 3.3 The consultation was interrupted by a change to the COVID-19 Alert level. During the consultation period, from 6 August-16 August Palmerston North was

at level 1, 17 August- 31 August at level 4, 1 September- 6 September at COVID-19 Alert level 3.

- 3.4 Unfortunately, the abrupt change in alert levels interrupted several phases of the consultation and prevented Officers from being able to hold planned and advertised drop-in sessions; it also meant the scheduled household flier was unable to be completed within appropriate timeframes and hard copy submissions were unable to be collected at libraries.
- 3.5 Officers determined to continue with the agreed consultation period as it had originally been communicated to the public through public notice and advertisement. Pre-engagement activities were thorough and presented to elected members in the report to Council of 4 August ([4 August Council agenda paper](#)).
- 3.6 Rangitāne were involved from the pre-engagement phase. Relationships built in the pre-engagement phase which fed into the Initial Proposal also provided avenues for consultation materials to be shared. A communication was sent to groups and contacts asking that they encourage engagement with the consultation and asking to share the change of circumstances with their networks.
- 3.7 Resource was diverted to different online platforms in an effort to engage wider audiences and ensure residents were aware of the opportunity to submit. We know that more people were spending more time online during the lockdown period. Traffic on the Chorus network saw record daily peaks of 3.6 terabits per second in August 2021. The majority of visits to the representation review page on the website came through the Participate Palmy page, showing that people knew where they were going to find the information and make a submission.
- 3.8 Hard copy statements of proposal were available at all libraries and the Customer Service Centre while we were at COVID-19 Alert level 1. We did not receive any requests for hard copy material through the telephone while at higher alert levels. We took one submission via telephone.
- 3.9 Given the circumstances, officers are comfortable that there were multiple opportunities for engagement. The spread of topics covered by submissions suggests a wide range of voices contributed to the consultation.
- 3.10 Consultation promotion activities undertaken were:
 - Advertising in Rates Booklet
 - Public notice in the Manawatū Standard 7 August, website 6 August
 - Two advertisements in the Guardian local newspaper
 - Submissions boxes in all libraries and Customer Service Centre

- Drop-in session at Te Manawa, Sunday 15 August
- Radio advertising- Kia Ora FM 45 advertisements during consultation and 20 advertisements during pre-engagement, Mediaworks played 63 advertisements over breakfast and primetime radio, and NZME 74 advertisements
- Poster distribution across the city - including tertiary institutes, village and suburban shopping centres, retirement villages, hardware stores, and supermarkets etc
- E-fliers sent through school, early childhood centres, places of worship, Ashhurst Village Voice, Bunnythorpe Community Committee, Linton Camp, disability reference group, ethnic, environmental and arts networks
- Landing webpage (1482 page views over the period) with online form, drop-in information, statement of proposal (34 downloads), report to Council (24 downloads), frequently asked questions (16 downloads).
- Social media advertising - Stuff, Neighbourly (4836 views), Metservice (156 clicks through to the website)
- 10 Facebook and Instagram posts - each focusing on the launch of the consultation, a short explainer video (883 people engaged with (commented, liked or shared) post), drop-in session reminder, names of the wards (142 people engaged with post)
- Advertising on iSite screen
- PNCC email signature from 6 - 27 August. Council sends approximately 80,000 emails per month. There were 103 clicks through to the website from the email signature.



4. SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS

- 4.1 81 submissions were received. Of these, 9 indicated a wish to be heard. For context, the 2018 representation review consultation resulted in 20 submissions.
- 4.2 The table below sets out the breakdown of responses from submitters to the yes/no questions in the submission form.

Proposal	Support	Oppose	Other	No answer	Total
Q1: 15 councillors	47	29	5	0	81
Q2: at-large	52	23	4	2	81
Q3: no community boards	55	18	7	1	81

- 4.3 Comments from submitters will be analysed in a report to the 6 October 2021 Council meeting.

5. NEXT STEPS

- 5.1 Further analysis of submissions will be undertaken and incorporated into a report to Council for the 6 October 2021 consideration of submissions and deliberations on the Final Proposal.

6. COMPLIANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Does the Council have delegated authority to decide?	Yes
Are the decisions significant?	No
If they are significant do they affect land or a body of water?	
Can this decision only be made through a 10 Year Plan?	No
Does this decision require consultation through the Special Consultative procedure?	No
Is there funding in the current Annual Plan for these actions?	Yes
Are the recommendations inconsistent with any of Council's policies or plans?	No
The recommendations contribute to Goal 5: A Driven & Enabling Council	
The recommendations contribute to the achievement of action/actions in Governance and Active Citizenship	

The action is: Hold a representation review	
Contribution to strategic direction and to social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being	Consultation as a process is an opportunity for residents to participate in local government and contribute to decision-making. The topic of consultation is inherently related to matters of representation and thus to access and active citizenship.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting Public, held via an Audio Visual Meeting on 01 September 2021, commencing at 9.04am.

Members Present: Grant Smith (The Mayor) (in the Chair) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

Apologies: Councillor Bruno Petrenas.

Councillor Renee Dingwall left the meeting due to a connectivity issue at 12.53pm. She was not present for clause 98-21.

86-21 Apologies

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

That Council receive the apologies.

Clause 86-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

Declaration of Interest

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillor Renee Dingwall declared a conflict of interest in Item 13 Elected Member Appointments to the Caccia Birch Trust Board (clause 97-21) and took no further part in discussion or debate.

Councillor Vaughan Dennison declared a conflict of interest in Item 22 Tamakuku Terrace - Negotiations with Affordable Housing Providers (clause 105-21 Confidential) and took no further part in discussion or debate.

87-21 Presentation - Susan Freeman-Greene and Stuart Crosby - Local Government New Zealand

Presentation, by Susan Freeman-Greene and Stuart Crosby, Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ).

Mr Crosby and Ms Freeman-Greene made a presentation about the current process of the Three-Waters Reform Programme. The central government's proposal to establish four new publicly-owned multi-regional entities is currently at the engagement stage seeking feedback from councils.

Mr Crosby and Ms Freeman-Greene discussed several critical issues arising from the proposal, such as the governance model for the new entities and their accountability; how to assure a proper connection between these entities and councils; and the lack of comprehensive information about the proposal to enable councils to consult with their communities, carry out the requested due diligence and make an informed decision.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

That the presentation by Ms Susan Freeman-Greene and Mr Stuart Crosby from Local Government New Zealand be received for information.

Clause 87-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

88-21 Presentation - Bill Bayfield, Chief Executive, Taumata Arowai

Presentation, by Bill Bayfield, Chief Executive, Taumata Arowai.

Mr Bayfield presented an update on Taumata Arowai, the new dedicated water services regulator, and the Water Services Bill, which provides the regulatory regime for Taumata Arowai to administer.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

That the presentation by Mr Bill Bayfield from Taumata Arowai be received for information.

Clause 88-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée

Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

Meeting adjourned at 10.11am

Meeting resumed at 10.16am

89-21 Chief Executive briefing to Council on the next stages of Three Waters Service Delivery Reform

Memorandum, presented by Heather Shotter, Chief Executive, Sarah Sinclair, Chief Infrastructure Officer and Sandra King, Transport & Infrastructure Manager.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

That Council:

1. Note the Government's 30 June and 15 July 2021 Three Waters Reform announcements.
2. Note officers' preliminary advice on the accuracy of the information provided to Council in June and July 2021 as a result of the RFI (Request for Information) and WICS (Water Industry Commission for Scotland) modelling processes.
3. Note officers' preliminary analysis of the impacts of the Government's proposed three water service delivery model on the Palmerston North City community and its wellbeing, including the impacts on the delivery of water services and water related outcomes, capability and capacity, on Palmerston North City Council's (Council) sustainability (including rating impact, debt impact, and efficiency) and the conclusions that:
 - a. Without water reform, our current 10 Year Plan (LTP) is unsustainable based on good practice financial rules. Costs to ratepayers will significantly increase, with or without reform. With reform, there is the opportunity to escalate investment, and data gathering on asset condition and lifespan, which will both improve reliability of service.
 - b. DIA (Department of Internal Affairs) Tranche 1 reform funding (received November 2020) of \$9.34 million is currently allocated to 25 'live' projects focussed on improving the resilience of three waters infrastructure and is 53% spent to date. Council has benefited from participation in the water reform process, through direct funding and indirectly through involvement in scene setting.
 - c. The BPO (Nature Calls), our largest project, is not affected by the entity boundaries proposed. Timings are mandated by consent requirements, such that the consent must be lodged in June 2022, ahead of the reform. The timing makes it difficult for the new entity to be involved meaningfully during its establishment phase.
 - d. Council has not budgeted in its current LTP for additional costs of compliance with new mandatory requirements from the Water

Regulator, Taumata Arowai, which have recently been consulted on. This adds to the unaffordability of investment required to maintain assets and consent compliance.

- e. The cost of transition to any new entity for Council is not yet known, because the tasks and process to transition are yet undefined. Several tasks have been identified to date, which require significant resourcing at a time when resources are constrained nationally. More due diligence work is needed to ensure that we are 'no worse off; there is potential for this analysis to be funded by diverting some of our DIA tranche 1 funding.
 - f. The Transition Unit has guaranteed jobs to those non-executive staff working in water, for 18 months at their current location. The scope of the water entities is not yet defined, so the impact on staff outside of those directly involved in utility operation and maintenance is not yet understood. The new entities, as they are established, are likely to take staff out of Councils, who cannot be backfilled because of a nationwide shortage.
 - g. There needs to be more clarity around how stormwater land use planning will function under water reform – the skill sets of stormwater utility management are quite different to those of land drainage as part of land development, and the management of water sensitive design assets is closer to parks' capability than water network capability.
 - h. There also needs to be more clarity around how the new entity will work with councils to prioritise growth and enable strategic plans to be realised.
4. Note further Council specific information is yet to be received, or analysed, including detail on the cost of stranded overheads, the impact on the operational workforce, the resourcing and cost of the transition process, and other matters detailed in the report.
 5. Note that the 'better off' funding of \$32,630,589 allocated to Council to spend on civic and community improvement requires engagement with iwi on what to spend the funds on, and confirm that consultation with the community will also form part of Council decision-making for allocation of this 'better off' funding; and also note that the Government will lead engagement with iwi/Maori over the reform programme.
 6. Note the analysis of three waters service delivery options available to Council at this time, in section 6 of this report.
 7. Note that a decision to support the Government's preferred three waters service delivery option is not lawful (would be ultra vires) at present due to section 130 of the LGA (Local Government Act 2002), which prohibits Council from divesting its ownership or interest in a water service except to another local government organisation, noting Government's stated intention for new legislation in this regard.
 8. Note that Council cannot make a formal decision on a regional option for three waters service delivery without doing a LTP

amendment and ensuring it meets section 130 of the LGA.

9. Note that community consultation would be required under Council's significance policy once Council has further information on the range of options available to it and their implications for both Council and its communities, and Council has determined a preferred option for future three waters service delivery.
10. Request the Chief Executive Officer to seek guidance on and/or give feedback to the Government on the following areas of the Government's proposal that Council needs more information on:
 - a. the final boundaries
 - b. protections from privatisation
 - c. plans for consultation with mana whenua and communities
 - d. how community voice will be heard within the new entities, and what influence local authorities will have (and what the community can realistically expect the council to influence particularly if it is not on the regional Representation Group)
 - e. representation from and on behalf of mana whenua on the reform proposals to date
 - f. integration with other local government reform processes
 - g. integration with spatial and local planning processes and growth
 - h. prioritisation of investment, and alignment with Council priorities
 - i. workforce and capability planning for the new entities– there are not enough of the right people now to deliver three waters and there is a need to retain our people through the transition
 - j. what a Government Bill will cover and whether the reform will be mandatory
 - k. conditions associated with the Government's package of funding for local government
 - l. transition arrangements, including Council's own workforce challenges (without transition challenges on top) and due diligence for asset transfers etc.
 - m. the scope of the stormwater role that the entities will play, both in relation to growth and development planning, development control, and asset management and maintenance particularly of green or water-sensitive assets
 - n. After reform, how the entity intends to engage with local communities, and the role of Council in advocacy, facilitation communication, response to failures (including demand management comms and engagement)
 - o. How Councils will be involved in holding future entities accountable for performance and customer service levels

and suggests the following changes to the Government's proposal/process:

- p. Suggest that the DIA confirms that stormwater in the context of land use planning, development and growth, remains with local authorities, and that the stormwater roles of the new entities are more clearly defined as network provision and maintenance to comply with regional plans. This includes working with flood-protected floor levels and the like set by Councils.
- q. Suggest that the role of the new entities in relation to stormwater quality is more clearly defined, to help councils understand which activities (such as raingarden maintenance, pond de-silting, street sweeping) will move to the new entities and which will stay.
- r. Suggest that the new entities consider the interface between roading and stormwater, when confirming which activities will remain with Council, and which will move to the new entity.
- s. Suggest the new water entities confirm that levels of service will be maintained or improved across the region and locally ie that Council levels of service will not fall under the new regime.
- t. Suggest the DIA works with officers on understanding Council overhead roles and costs, including defining activities and costs that Council will have in future relating to advocacy, consenting, bylaws, land use planning.
- u. Suggest the new water entities do not transfer any development contribution funds for assets that have already been built but have residual asset benefit.
- v. Suggest that budgets are allocated urgently to commence work on systems transition.

11. Requests that the Chief Executive report back further once she has received further information and guidance from Government on what the next steps look like and how these should be managed.

Clause 89-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

90-21

Presentation – Craig Hart, Lions Club of Middle Districts

Presentation, by Mr Craig Hart, Lions Club of Middle Districts (Lions Club).

Mr Hart presented the views of the Lions Club regarding Item 8 'Victoria Esplanade – Mini Golf course lease' (clause 92-21 below) and requested the following two changes to the draft land lease agreement currently under negotiation between the Council and the Lions Club:

- to agree the term of the lease as 10 years with a right of renewal for

another 10 years, to give long-term certainty to the project and the related relevant capital investment; and

- to remove clause 47 of the proposed lease which grants Council the right of early termination of the lease with only three months' notice. The Lions believe clause 47 is unfair given the considerable financial cost the Lions are proposing to put into the development. The Council's right to terminate the agreement is already covered in clause 9.2 which entitles the Council to terminate the agreement in the event of a breach of the lease by the tenant.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

That the presentation by Mr Craig Hart from the Lions Club Middle Districts be received for information.

Clause 90-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

91-21

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of 25 August 2021 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 91-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

REPORTS

92-21

Victoria Esplanade - Mini Golf Course Lease Proposal

Report, presented by Bryce Hosking, Manager - Property and Kathy Dever-Tod, Parks & Reserves Manager.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

That Council approve the extended lease term of ten (10) years plus a right of renewal of ten (10) years for The Lions Club of Middle Districts Incorporated to enable development of an 18-hole mini golf course within the Play Zone of the Victoria Esplanade, and remove the early termination clause within the Lease.

Clause 92-21 above was carried 14 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

Against:

Councillor Vaughan Dennison.

The meeting adjourned at 11.51am

The meeting resumed at 12.05pm

93-21 The Globe Theatre Trust - Final Statement of Intent 2021-2024

Memorandum, presented by Hannah White, Democracy & Governance Manager, and Mr Gerry Keating, Manager, The Globe Theatre.

Mr Keating and Elected Members acknowledged the passing of Ms Maxine Dale, Chair of the Globe Theatre Trust, and her important contribution to the organisation.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

That the Council agree the Statement of Intent 2021-2024 submitted by the Globe Theatre Trust, attached as Appendix 1 of the report titled 'The Globe Theatre Trust - Final Statement of Intent 2021-2024'.

Clause 93-21 above was carried 14 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

Against:

Councillor Lorna Johnson.

94-21 The Regent Theatre Trust - Final Statement of Intent 2021-2024

Memorandum, presented by Hannah White, Democracy & Governance Manager, Mr David Walsh, Manager, Regent Theatre and

Mr David Lea, Chair, Regent Theatre Trust Board.

The passing of Mr Pat Snoxell was acknowledged as well as his valuable contributions to the Regent Theatre.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

That the Council agree the Statement of Intent 2021-2024 submitted by the Regent Theatre Trust, attached as Appendix 1 of the report titled 'The Regent Theatre Trust - Final Statement of Intent 2021-2024'.

Clause 94-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

95-21

Te Manawa Museums Trust - Final Statement of Intent 2021-2024

Memorandum, presented by Hannah White, Democracy & Governance Manager, Mr Andy Lowe, Chief Executive, Te Manawa Museums, Mr John Fowke, Chair, Te Manawa Museums Trust Board and Ms Catherine Parsons, Finance Leader.

Councillor Aleisha Rutherford assumed the Chair at 12.33pm when the Mayor (Grant Smith) left the meeting due to a technical issue.

The Mayor (Grant Smith) re-entered the meeting and resumed as Chair at 12.37pm.

In discussion an additional motion passed releasing Te Manawa Museums Trust from additional reporting previously requested by the Council.

Moved Aleisha Rutherford, seconded Rachel Bowen.

RESOLVED

1. That the Council agree the final Statement of Intent 2021-2024 submitted by Te Manawa Museums Trust, attached as Appendix 1 of the report titled 'Te Manawa Museums Trust - Final Statement of Intent 2021-2024'.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Brent Barrett.

2. That Te Manawa Museums Trust Board reporting arrangements return to align with legislative requirements.

Clause 95-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

96-21

Caccia Birch Trust Board - Final Statement of Intent 2021-2024

Memorandum, presented by Hannah White, Democracy & Governance Manager, and Mr Grant O'Donnell, Chair of Caccia Birch Trust Board.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

That the Council agree the Statement of Intent 2021-2024 submitted by Caccia Birch Trust Board, attached as Appendix 1 of the report titled 'Caccia Birch Trust Board - Final Statement of Intent 2021-2024'.

Clause 96-21 above was carried 14 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

Against:

Councillor Lorna Johnson.

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillor Dingwall declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting. Councillor Aleisha Rutherford assumed the Chair for clause 97-21.

97-21

Elected Member Appointments to the Caccia Birch Trust Board

Memorandum, presented by Hannah White, Democracy and Governance Manager.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

RESOLVED

1. To appoint the Mayor, Grant Smith and Cr. Renee Dingwall as trustees on the Caccia Birch Trust Board until 1 August 2022.

Clause 97-21 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

The Mayor (Grant Smith) returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair at the conclusion of clause 97.21.

98-21 Clearview Reserve - Easement Proposal to Powerco

Report, presented by Bryce Hosking, Manager - Property and Kathy Dever-Tod, Parks & Reserves Manager.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

1. That Council, as the administering body of Clearview Reserve (legally described as Part of Lot 1 DP 69185), authorise the granting of an easement to convey electricity, to Powerco.
2. That Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by delegation under the Reserves Act 1977, authorise the granting of an easement to convey electricity, to Powerco.
3. That Council note that the requirements of Section 4 of the Conservation Act 1987 have been satisfied in relation to consultation with Iwi over granting an easement to convey electricity at Clearview Reserve.
4. That Council note that the requirements of Sections 119 and 120 of the Reserves Act 1977 have been satisfied in relation to public notification prior to the resolution to grant an easement to convey electricity over Clearview Reserve.

Clause 98-21 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

The meeting adjourned at 12.55pm

The meeting resumed at 2.00pm

Councillor Dingwall returned to the meeting at 2.00pm.

99-21 Quarterly Performance and Financial Report - Quarter Ending 30 June 2021

Memorandum, presented by Stuart McKinnon, Chief Financial Officer and Andrew Boyle, Head of Community Planning.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

1. That Council note that the capital expenditure carry forward values in the 2021/22 Long Term Plan Budget will be increased by \$2.44M, capital revenue will be increased by \$562K and operational expenditure will be increased by \$131K as per the details in Appendix 4 of this report.
2. That Council note that capital expenditure carry forward values in the 2021/22 Long Term Plan Budget relating to the three water reform funding will be increased by \$1.74M, capital revenue will be increased by \$1.74M, operational expenditure will be increased by \$744K and operational revenue will be increased by \$744K as per the details in Appendix 4 of this report.

Clause 99-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

100-21 Council Work Schedule

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

That the Council receive its Work Schedule dated September 2021.

Clause 100-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

101-21 Recommendation to Exclude Public

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

RESOLVED

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting listed in the table below.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing

of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered		Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing this resolution
19.	Award of Contract - Crematorium Seismic Strengthening	Third Party Commercial	s7(2)(b)(ii)
20.	Trustee/Director Appointments to Council Organisations	Privacy	s7(2)(a)
21.	Civic Honours Awards 2021	Privacy	s7(2)(a)
22.	Tamakuku Terrace - Negotiations with Affordable Housing Providers	Negotiations	s7(2)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as stated in the above table.

Clause 101-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

The public part of the meeting finished at 2.45pm

Confirmed 21 September 2021

Mayor

COMMITTEE WORK SCHEDULE

TO: Council

MEETING DATE: 21 September 2021

TITLE: Council Work Schedule - September

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

1. That the Council receive its Work Schedule dated September 2021

ATTACHMENTS

1. Work Schedule [↓](#) 

COUNCIL

WORK SCHEDULE – September 2021

Item No.	Estimated Report Date	Subject	Officer Responsible	Current Position	Date of Instruction/ Point of Origin
1	September 2021	Representation Review – hearings	Assistant Chief Executive		Council 7 April 2021 Clause 20-21
2	October 2021	Representation Review – final decision	Assistant Chief Executive		Council 7 April 2021 Clause 20-21
3	December 2021	Manawatū Residents' card	Assistant Chief Executive		Council 25 May 2020 Clause 48-20
4	December 2021	Central Economic Development Association (CEDA) - Shareholding arrangements	Chief Planning Officer		Council 21 December 2020 Clause 157-20
	TBC	Three Waters Reforms – report on Government guidance regarding the next steps.	Chief Executive		Council 1 September 2021 Clause 89-21
5	March 2022	Remits from PNCC	Assistant Chief Executive		Council 24 June 2020 Clause 69-20
6	May 2022	Remits received from other Territorial Authorities	Assistant Chief Executive		Council 24 June 2020 Clause 69-20

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CONFIDENTIAL DECISIONS RELEASED

Meeting date	Title	Released	Not Released

More information on the decisions released can be found on [released decisions](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE

TO: Council

MEETING DATE: 21 September 2021

TITLE: Presentation of the Part I Public Planning & Strategy Committee Recommendations from its 8 September 2021 Meeting

Set out below are the recommendations only from the Planning & Strategy Committee meeting Part I Public held on 8 September 2021. The Council may resolve to adopt, amend, receive, note or not adopt any such recommendations. (SO 3.18.1)

32-21 Draft Stormwater Bylaw - approval for consultation

Memorandum, presented by Julie Macdonald - Strategy & Policy Manager.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That the Council approve the draft Palmerston North Stormwater Bylaw 2022 Consultation Document (as attached as attachment one in the report titled "Draft Stormwater Bylaw – approval for consultation" presented to the Planning & Strategy Committee on 8 September 2021) for public consultation.
2. That the Chief Executive be authorised to approve minor amendments to the consultation document prior to publication.