Representation Review Briefing - OTCB

8 June 2020





Outline

- Overview of the Representation Review
- Timeline
- Communities of interest

Overview of reviews.

- Three reviews Council to consider
 - 1. Electoral system FPP v STV
 - consideration (mandatory) by 12 September 2020
 - 2. Maaori wards
 - consideration (optional) by 23 November 2020
 - 3. Representation arrangements review
 - optional but agreed with LGC to undertake
 - formal process 1 March 31 August 2021

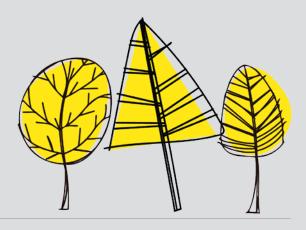
Representation arrangements review

- Review of wards, community boards, boundaries, number members etc
- Three key factors:
 - Communities of interest
 - Effective representation of those communities
 - Fair representation of voters
- LGC Determination 2018

Timeline

Date	
Now – February 2021	 Early consultation with communities to consider 'communities of interest' and options for representation arrangements. Workshops with Councillors and Community Boards
March 2021	Council decides on an initial proposal
April/May 2021	Submission period on initial period closes (not less than one month)
June/July 2021	Council considers submissions, hearings, determines final proposal
August/September 2021	Appeals/objections period on final proposal
Before 11 April 2022	LGC reviews and determines, if required.

Questions?



Communities of Interest

- Not defined in Local Electoral Act
- 3 aspects to consider:
 - i. *Perception* sense of belonging to a clearly defined area.
 - ii. Functional the Council's ability to identify and meet a community's need for (infrastructure and human) services, with 'reasonable economy'.
 - iii. *Political* how the Council can ensure communities are effectively represented **and** the distribution of, and workload for, elected members are equitable.

Communities of interest - Discussion

- Do you have examples of things that have changed in your community in the last 3-6 years – i.e. joined communities together or created distinct communities?
- What information would be useful to gather to better understand the local communities of interest?
- How can we engage with the local communities to get to know more about them – especially those who don't usually engage?

Questions?

