



Extraordinary Council Meeting

TO: Chief Executive

Date: 3 October 2018

Subject: Extraordinary Council Meetings

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 22 sub clauses (1) and (3) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, I hereby call an Extraordinary Meeting of the Timaru District Council to be held in the Council Chamber, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru on **Tuesday 16 October 2018 at 1pm**, to consider the Representation Review.

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Damon Odey
Mayor



Extraordinary Council Meeting

on

Tuesday 16 October 2018

1pm

**Council Chamber
District Council Building
King George Place
Timaru**

Timaru District Council

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary meeting of the Timaru District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, District Council Building, King George Place, Timaru on Tuesday 16 October 2018 at 1pm.

Council Members

Mayor Damon Odey, Cllrs Nigel Bowen, Peter Burt, Dave Jack, Andrea Leslie, Richard Lyon, Paddy O'Reilly, Sally Parker, Kerry Stevens and Steve Wills

Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968

Councillors are reminded that if you have a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda, then you must declare this interest and refrain from discussing or voting on this item, and are advised to withdraw from the meeting table.

Bede Carran
Chief Executive

Timaru District Council
Extraordinary Council Meeting
16 October 2018

Agenda

**Item
No**

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| 1 | Apologies |
| 2 | Declaration of Conflicts of Interest |
| 3 | Representation Review 2018 – Initial (Draft) Proposal
Submissions and Final Proposal Decision |

Timaru District Council
for the Extraordinary Meeting of 16 October 2018

Report for Agenda Item No 3

Prepared by Mark Low
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Representation Review 2018 – Initial (Draft) Proposal Submissions and Final Proposal Decision

Purpose of Report

1. To consider submissions to the Initial Proposal and adopt a Final Proposal for representation arrangements under Section 19N of the Local Electoral Act.

Background

2. The Local Electoral Act requires local authorities to carry out a review of their representation arrangements at least once every six years. The Local Electoral Act 2001 defines representation reviews as reviews of the representation arrangements for a local authority. Those arrangements include:
 - a. The number of councillors to be elected to the Council;
 - b. Whether councillors are elected by wards or by the district as a whole (or a mixture of both systems);
 - c. If elected by wards, the number, boundaries and names of these wards and the number of councillors that will represent them; and
 - d. Whether to have Community Boards, and if so how many, their boundaries and membership.
3. Council consulted on the Initial Proposal from 16 August to 17 September 2018.
4. Following consideration of submissions, the Council needs to either confirm or amend the proposal as its Final Proposal, which is also notified. The Council's Final Proposal must be adopted and public notice given within six (6) weeks of the close of submissions on the Initial Proposal (i.e. by 29 October). It is intended to advertise the Final Proposal on Saturday 20 October.
5. The remainder of the timeline is outlined below:
 - **Tuesday 16 October 2018** - Extraordinary Council Meeting for Representation Review hearing/to adopt final proposal (within 6 weeks of submissions closing)

- **Saturday 20 October 2018** - Public Notice of final proposal (within 6 weeks of submissions closing)
- **Saturday 20 October – Tuesday 20 November 2018** - appeals/objections period
- **By 31 November 2018** - Forward Appeals/Objections to Local Government Commission (LGC) (if required)

Representation Review Submissions and Hearing

6. One submission was received on the review, and is attached. This supports the proposal. The submitter does not wish to speak to Council, so a hearing is not required.

Options

The following options are available:

7. **Option 1:** Confirm the Initial Proposal as the Final Proposal, as stated below:

Timaru District Council

Mayor - elected at large

Councillors - Nine (9) Councillors as follows:

- Geraldine Ward (based on current Geraldine Ward Boundary) – One (1) Councillor
- Pleasant Point – Temuka Ward (based on current Pleasant Point - Temuka Ward Boundary) - Two (2) Councillors
- Timaru Ward (based on current Timaru Ward Boundary) - Six (6) Councillors

Community Boards

Geraldine Community Board

Six (6) elected members from the Geraldine community as a whole and one (1) appointed member, (the appointed member being the Geraldine Ward Councillor).

Pleasant Point Community Board

Five (5) elected members from the Pleasant Point community as a whole and two (2) appointed members, (the appointed members being the Pleasant Point-Temuka Ward Councillors).

Temuka Community Board

Five (5) elected members from the Temuka community as a whole and two (2) appointed members, (the appointed members being the Pleasant Point-Temuka Ward Councillors).

Boundaries

Geraldine Ward and Geraldine Community

The Geraldine Ward and community is the area delineated on S.O. Plan No. 19948 deposited with Land Information New Zealand (this is the same as the current Geraldine Ward).

Pleasant Point – Temuka Ward, Pleasant Point Community and Temuka Community

The Pleasant Point – Temuka Ward is the area delineated by LG-064-2013-W-2 deposited with Land Information New Zealand (this is the same as the current Pleasant Point - Temuka Ward). The Pleasant Point community is the area delineated by the *former* SO Plan 19946 deposited with Land Information New Zealand and the Temuka community is the area delineated by the *former* SO Plan 19949 deposited with Land Information New Zealand (these are the same as the former Pleasant Point and Temuka wards).

Timaru Ward

The Timaru Ward is the area delineated on S.O. Plan No. 19947 deposited with the Land Information New Zealand (this is the same as the current Timaru Ward).

8. **Option 2**

Confirm some other proposal as the Final Proposal.

Identification of Relevant Legislation, Council Policy and Plans

Local Electoral Act 2001
Local Government Act 2002

Assessment of Significance

9. The representation review decision is significant under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy and must be consulted on with the community under the Local Electoral Act that has now formally occurred. Confirmation of the Final Proposal is the concluding task that Council must complete before Local Government Commission involvement (if appeals or objections are received).

Consultation

10. The representation review was discussed with Council and Community Boards, with an initial proposal developed.

11. The Initial Proposal consultation included the following consultation techniques:
 - a. Public Notice on Initial Proposal
 - b. Webpage with online submission opportunity on Timaru District Council website and all relevant materials
 - c. Hard Copy availability via Council Service Centres, Libraries and Main office
 - d. Mailout to key stakeholders
 - e. Summary and reminders in the Courier newspaper
 - f. Ongoing awareness, including Facebook promotion and other means

Other Considerations

12. The Council's final representation proposal will be publicly notified as required under the Local Electoral Act. Any person or organisation that has made submissions on the initial proposal may appeal in writing against the Council's decision adopting the final proposal. Where the Council's final proposal changes the initial proposal, any interested person or organisation may lodge an objection in writing to the final proposal. All eligible appeals or objections are forwarded to the Local Government Commission.
13. Should appeals or objections be received, the Local Government Commission will consider the Council's final proposal together with any appeals and objections. The Local Government Commission may hold hearings with those who made appeals and objections which may take place in the Timaru District. The Local Government Commission makes a final determination which is only subject to judicial review in respect of matters of law.
14. Unless the Council chooses to change the Initial Proposal, and as no submissions were received in opposition to the Initial Proposal, this should conclude the process. Only submitters who have submitted on the Initial Proposal have the right of appeal.

Funding Implications

15. Costs of the Representation Review consultation are covered by the Election Expenses Fund.

Conclusion

16. The Council has now completed the formal consultation process on the Initial Proposal. A final Proposal must now be confirmed to be publically advertised for Appeals or Objections under the Local Electoral Act. Should Appeals or Objections be received on the final proposal, the Local Electoral Commission will become involved to make the final decision on representation for the 2019 elections.

Recommendations

- a) **That the submissions on the Initial Proposal are received and considered.**
- b) **That Council adopts the Initial Proposal as its Final Proposal for public notification under Section 19N of the Local Electoral Act.**

Attachment One: Submission



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7th September 2018

Representation Review 2018 Submission
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To whom it may concern,

REPRESENTATION REVIEW 2018

I write on behalf of the board of Go Geraldine, the Promotions Association for Geraldine.

It is our view that the current representation arrangements of 9 councillors elected through 3 wards (including a Geraldine Ward) as well as an elected community board for each ward, works very well for the various communities of interest within the Timaru District.

We believe this provides effective and knowledgeable representation for each area and that the model works well for your district.

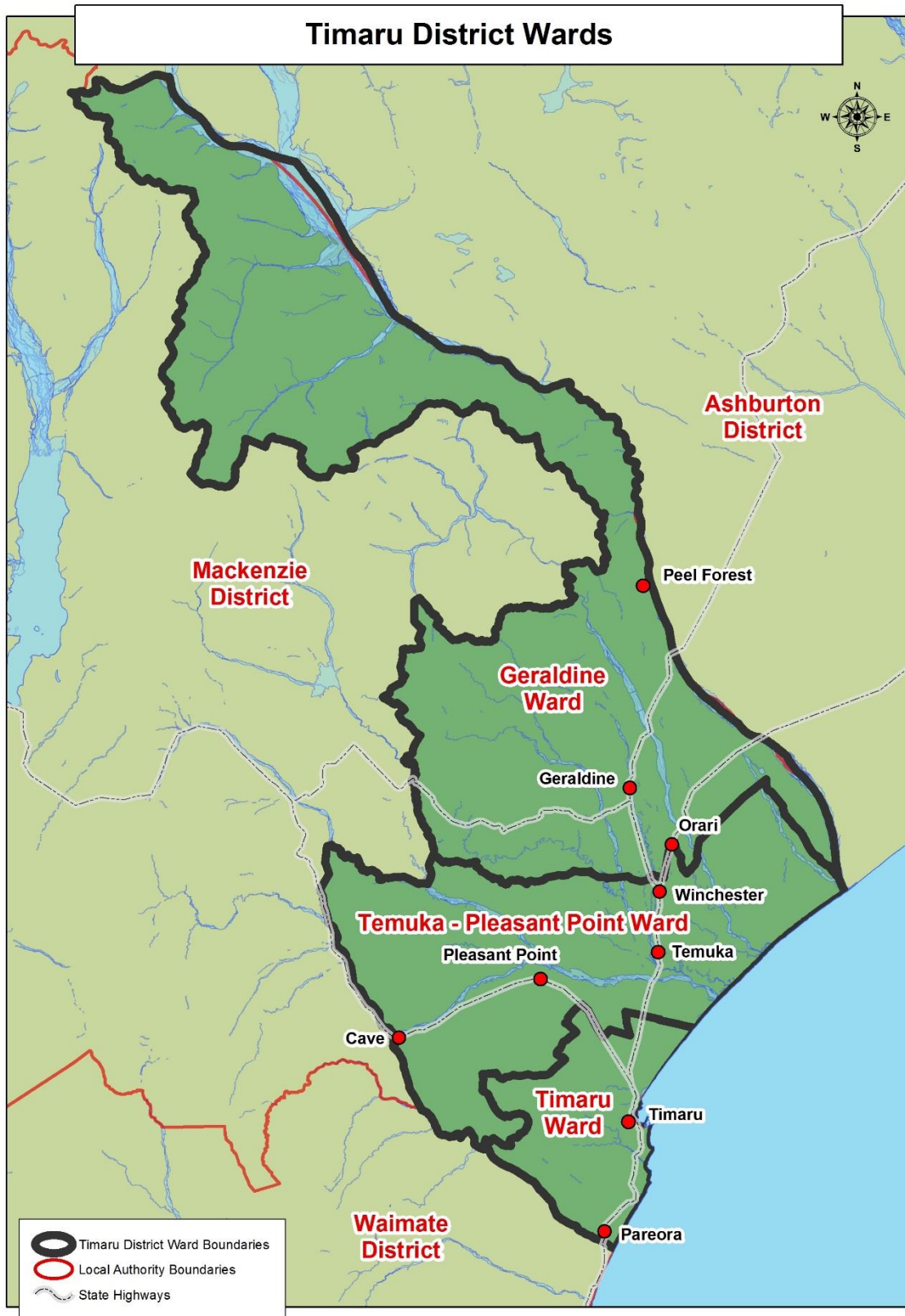
Yours faithfully

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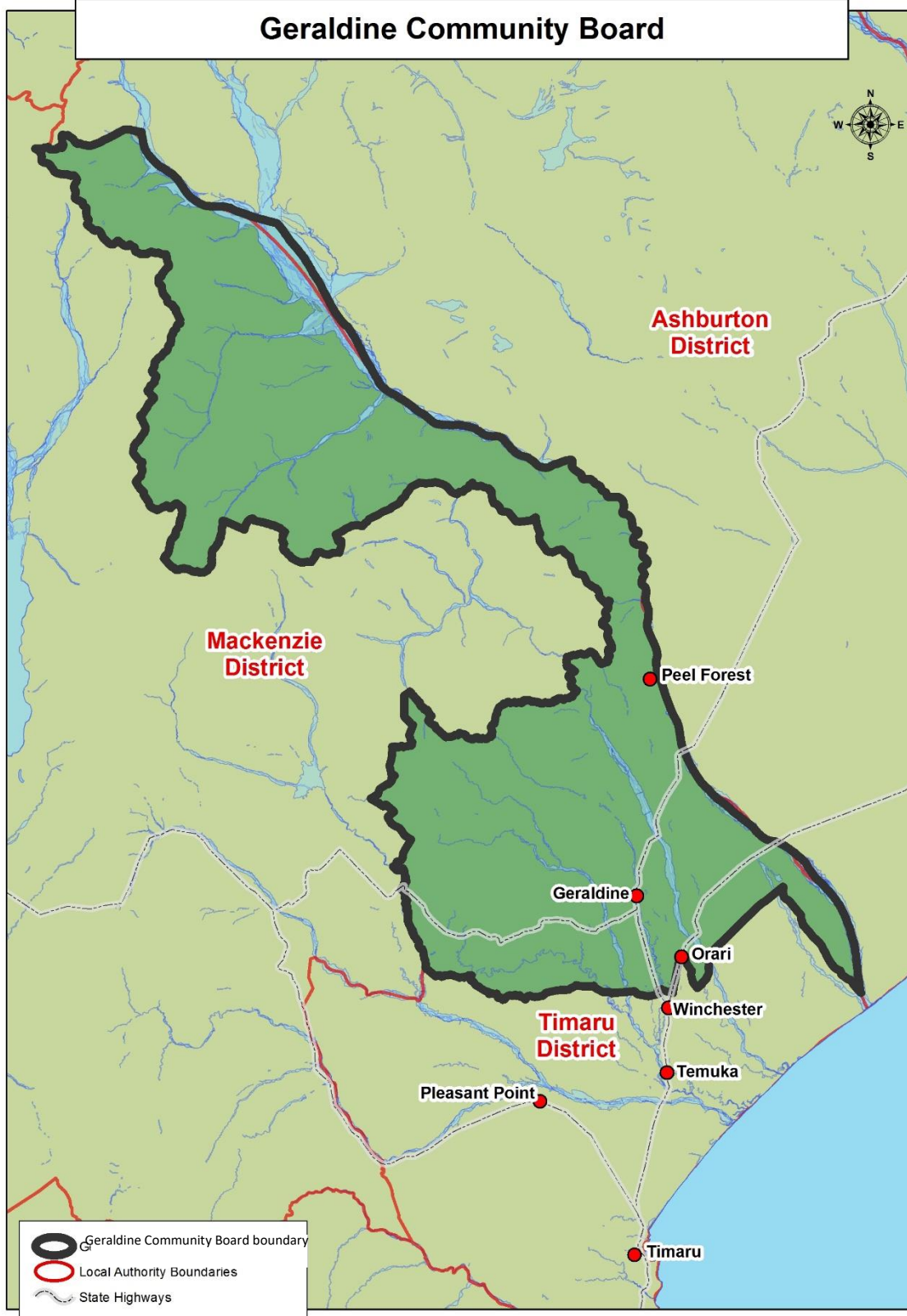
Dave (Grumpy) Moss
Chair
Go Geraldine



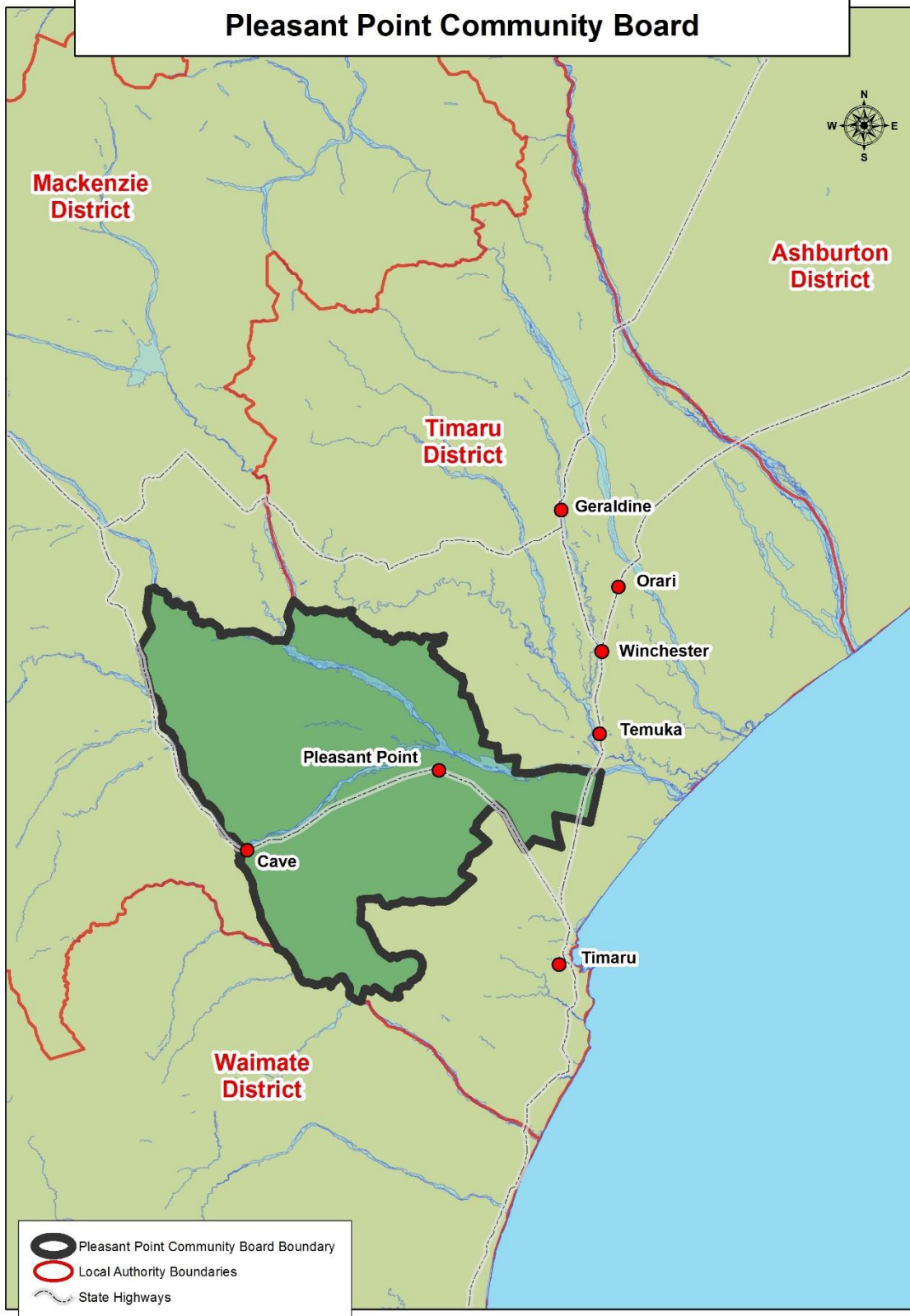
Attachment Two: Maps – Timaru District Wards and Community Boards



Geraldine Community Board



Pleasant Point Community Board



Temuka Community Board

