

Final Proposal for Representation Arrangements for the 2019 Local Elections

On 16 October 2018, the Timaru District Council considered the submissions received on its initial proposal regarding the representation arrangements for the Council and its constituent community boards to apply for the local elections to be held on 12 October 2019.

The Council received 1 submission, which was in support of the proposal.

Having considered the submission, the Council resolved to adopt its initial proposal as the final proposal with no changes.

In summary, this is:

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

The three wards reflect the following identified communities of interest:

Ward	Communities of Interest
Timaru	The Timaru Ward is the area delineated on SO Plan No. 19947 deposited with Land Information New Zealand. This is the same as the current Timaru Ward.
Pleasant Point	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.
Temuka	The Geraldine Ward is the area delineated on SO Plan No. 19948 deposited with Land Information New Zealand. This is the same as the current Geraldine Ward.

The population that each member will represent is as follows:

Ward	Population*	Members	Population per member
Geraldine	5,730	1	5,730
Pleasant Point/Temuka	9,560	2	4,780
Timaru	31,800	6	5,300
Total	47,090	9	5,232

*Statistics NZ population estimates as at 30 June 2017

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each member represents must be within the range of 5,232 +/- 10% (4,709 to 5,755), unless particular community of interest considerations justify otherwise. All three wards are within the stipulated range.

Reasons

There are no changes proposed to current representation arrangements for the reasons listed below:

- All wards comply with the legislative requirements and provide for fair representation;
- The growth patterns predicted in the District Growth Strategy indicate that compliance will continue in future years;
- The existing ward and community board structure is well understood by the electors;
- The Council is satisfied that the existing structure will continue to provide effective representation for the District's distinct communities of interest; and
- No significant changes have occurred since 2012 to indicate that the Council should be proposing changes to its representation arrangements at this time.

Appeals

Any person who made a submission on the Council's initial proposal may lodge an appeal against the Council's decision. An appeal must relate to the matters raised in that person's submission.

Appeals must be made in writing and should be forwarded to:

Timaru District Council
Representation Review Appeals
PO Box 522
Timaru 7940

They must be received by the Council no later than Monday 20 November 2018.

Any queries on the representation review should be directed to Mark Low (03) 687 7200.

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).

The three boards reflect the following identified communities of interest:

Community Boards	Area of Community
Geraldine	Geraldine Community, comprising the area of the Geraldine Ward.
Pleasant Point	Pleasant Point Community, comprising the area delineated by the former SO Plan 19946 deposited with Land Information New Zealand.
Temuka	Temuka Community, comprising the area delineated by the former SO Plan 19949 deposited with Land Information New Zealand.

All previous information on the Representation review is available on the Council's website, at www.timaru.govt.nz/representationreview

Procedure after Close of Appeals

The confirmed representation proposal is open to appeals until 20 November 2018. The appeals must identify the matters to which the appeal relates and may only raise those matters that were raised in the appellants' submissions on the initial proposal. All eligible appeals are forwarded to the Local Government Commission.

Should an appeal(s) be received, the Local Government Commission will consider the Council's final proposal together with any appeals. The Local Government Commission may hold hearings with those who made appeals. These hearings 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.

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Timaru District Council
20 October 2018