



Review of Representation Arrangements

Under sections 19H and 19J of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Ōpōtiki District Council is required to carry out a review of its representation arrangements for the triennial local authority elections to be held in 2022.

Statement of Proposal

At the Council meeting on 30 August 2021 for the representation arrangements review, Council resolved as its initial proposal that there be:

- (a) 6 councillors, plus the mayor (being the status quo);
- (b) 3 wards, being the:
 - **Coast Ward** (1 councillor), comprising the area in SO Plan 8392 (being the status quo);
 - **Ōpōtiki Ward** (3 councillors), comprising the area in SO Plan 334312 (being the status quo);
 - **Waioeke-Waiōtahe-Otara Ward** (2 councillors), comprising the area in SO Plan 334314 (being the status quo).
- (c) 1 community board, being:
 - **Coast Community Board** (4 members, plus 1 appointed councillor representing the Coast Ward), comprising the area of SO Plan 8392 (being the status quo);

The 3 wards, the number of councillors per ward, the ward populations (estimated as at 30 June 2020) and the population ratio per councillor are as follows:

Ward	No. Councillors	Population	Population Ratio	% Variation
Coast	1	1,510	1,510	-9.6%
Ōpōtiki	3	5,230	1,743	+4.37%
Waioeke-Waiōtahe-Otara	2	3,280	1,640	+1.8%

In accordance with section 19V(2) of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the population that each councillor represents must be within the population range of 1,670 plus or minus 10% (1,503 - 1,837).

Further Information

Copies of the Statement of Proposal - Representation Arrangements Review are available on request from the Ōpōtiki District Council offices, 108 St John Street, Ōpōtiki. You can also view this document on Council's website: www.odc.govt.nz

Submissions

Any interested person or organisation may lodge a written submission to the above representation arrangements review. Submissions should be addressed to: Finance and Corporate Services Manager, Ōpōtiki District Council, 108 St John Street, Ōpōtiki, or PO Box 44, Ōpōtiki 3122. Submission forms, which are available from the Council website, should state your name, address, telephone number and email address (if you have one) and should reach the Council no later than **4.00pm on Friday 8 October 2021**.

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

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