



## **FINAL PROPOSAL FOR REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2019 LOCAL ELECTIONS**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Palmerston North City Council has completed a review of its representation arrangements for the local elections to be held on 12 October 2019. The Council has decided to confirm its initial proposal, so that the Council will be elected on a city-wide basis with no wards to be established, electing a total of 15 Councillors (other than the Mayor) and with no community boards to be established.

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### **NEXT STEPS**

All appeals received by the Council will be sent to the Local Government Commission after 13 December 2018. The final decision on appeals and objections will be made by the Commission, which is required to announce its decision by 10 April 2019 at the latest.

It is likely that the Local Government Commission will hold a hearing, sometime early next year. The Commission will contact parties directly concerning this in due course.

### **NOTE**

The information about submissions received as mentioned in the public notice differs by one submission from that included in the Council's resolutions. This is because the Council decided to accept a late submission, but information about that late submission was not included in the analysis of submissions considered by the Council.



## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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#### **Submissions**

On 24 October 2018, the Palmerston North City Council considered the submissions received on its initial proposal regarding the representation arrangements for the Council for the local elections to be held on 12 October 2019.

The Council received 21 submissions on its proposal. 20 submissions supported various elements of the Council's proposal. 15 submissions contained objections to various elements of the proposal, as follows:

- 10 submitters supported Councillors being elected on a ward basis.
- 3 submitters expressed a preference for the Council to comprise fewer than 15 Councillors (other than the Mayor).
- 9 submitters supported the establishment of communities or community boards.

#### **Final Proposal**

Having considered all the submissions, the Council resolved to adopt its initial proposal as the Council's final proposal, that is:

- All Councillors to be elected on a city-wide basis, that is, by the electors of the city as a whole, with no wards to be established.
- The Council to comprise the Mayor and 15 Councillors.
- No communities or community boards to be established in Palmerston North City.

#### **Reasons for Decision**

The reasons for the Council confirming its initial proposal and for the rejection of some submissions included:

- The city comprises a single community of interest which covers the whole city. While the city also comprises many secondary communities of interest based on individual suburbs and villages, it would not be practicable for each community to be represented by an individual Councillor.
- The proposed number of Councillors will enable the workload to be shared and will promote diversity.
- The city does not include any communities that are sufficiently distinct or isolated as to require representation in the nature of community boards.

## 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 in writing and must be received by Council no later than **Thursday 13 December 2018**.

Appeals may be lodged:

- By mail, addressed to Team Leader Governance & Legal, Representation Review Appeals, Palmerston North City Council, PO Box 11034, Palmerston North 4442; or
- In person by delivery to the PNCC Customer Service Centre, Palmerston North City Council, 32 The Square, Palmerston North: or
- By email to: [submission@pncc.govt.nz](mailto:submission@pncc.govt.nz) with a subject heading entitled "Representation Appeal"; or
- Online – [pncc.govt.nz/consultations](http://pncc.govt.nz/consultations)

## Further Information

Further information, including copies of the Council's resolutions and appeal form, are available from:

- Customer Service Centre, Palmerston North City Council, 32 The Square, Palmerston North.
- Central Library (NZ Pacific Islands Zone), 4 The Square, Palmerston North.
- The Palmerston North City Council website, [pncc.govt.nz/consultations](http://pncc.govt.nz/consultations)
- Phone Council on 06 356 8199 and request a copy be posted to you.

For any other queries regarding the Council's decision, please contact John Annabell at the Council (06 356 8199).

**Heather Shotter**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**  
**10 November 2018**

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**Manawatu Standard**  
Saturday 10 November 2018

**Guardian**  
Thursday 15 November 2018



## **FINAL PROPOSAL FOR REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2019 LOCAL ELECTIONS**

The following resolutions were made at the meeting of Palmerston North City Council held at 9am on Wednesday, 24 October 2018:

### **1-18            Review of Representation Arrangements**

#### **RESOLVED**

1. That submissions made on the Council's initial proposal for representation arrangements for the 2019 Local Government Elections be considered, including oral submissions to be heard at the meeting of the Council to be held on 24 October 2018.
2. That Council finalise its decisions with respect to the submissions and the requirements of the Local Electoral Act 2001 to confirm its interim proposal without any modification.
3. That the Chief Executive be instructed to report on options to enhance community access and input to Council via the portfolio system.
4. That, pursuant to Section 19N of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the Council's interim proposal for its representation arrangements to apply for elections to be held in Palmerston North City on 12 October 2019 be confirmed, as follows:
  - All Councillors to be elected on a city-wide basis, that is, by the electors of the city as a whole, with no wards to be established.
  - The Council to comprise the Mayor and 15 Councillors.
  - No communities or community boards to be established in Palmerston North City.
5. That the reasons for confirming the Council's interim proposal for Councillors to be elected on a city-wide basis, include:
  - Palmerston North City comprises a single community of interest which covers the whole city. The city is geographically compact and relatively small. There is only one major business district, suburban shopping areas are small and many people reside in one part of the city but work in another.

- While it is acknowledged that the city also comprises many secondary communities of interest based on individual suburbs and villages, the boundaries of these areas are relatively precise and the populations vary, so it would not be practicable for each community to be represented by an individual Councillor.
  - A city-wide election will also enable all electors to participate in choosing all Councillors.
  - Of the 20 submissions received on the Council's interim proposal, 11 submitters preferred Councillors to be elected on a city-wide basis. In comparison, 9 submitters supported Councillors being elected on a ward basis.
6. The reasons for confirming that the Council comprise 15 Councillors plus the Mayor include:
- The proposed number of Councillors will enable the workload to be shared.
  - The proposed number allows for more diversity of Councillors and encourages a greater variety of ideas and suggestions.
  - Of the 20 submissions received, 17 submitters supported the Council comprising 15 Councillors and the Mayor, with 3 submitters expressing a preference for a fewer number of Councillors.
7. That the reasons for confirming the Council's interim proposal not to establish any communities or community boards include:
- The Council is satisfied that the city does not include any communities that are sufficiently distinct or isolated as to require representation of this nature.
  - Of the 20 submissions received, 11 supported the non-establishment of community boards, whilst 8 submissions supported their establishment.
8. That the submissions be accepted or rejected or received, in whole or in part, in the manner set out in the Appendix, and for the reasons set out above or as stated in the Appendix, as detailed below.
9. That it be noted that the Council's final proposal provides for effective representation for communities of interest within the city and the Council is satisfied that all submissions have been considered and that there has been compliance with the decision making, consultation and other requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Electoral Act 2001.

| <b>Number</b> | <b>Name</b>         | <b>Whether Submissions Accepted or Rejected</b>                                         |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1             | Gerard Barnao       | Rejected (wards, fewer Councillors, community boards)                                   |
| 2             | Jayden Carr         | Accepted (city-wide, 15 Councillors)                                                    |
| 3             | Tagi Wilson         | Accepted in part (city wide, 15 Councillors); rejected in part (community boards)       |
| 4             | Leonard R Williams  | Accepted (city-wide, 15 Councillors, no community boards)                               |
| 5             | Chris Price         | Accepted (city-wide, 15 Councillors, no community boards)                               |
| 6             | Kama Weir           | Rejected in part (wards); accepted in part (15 Councillors, no community boards)        |
| 7             | Brian Rickard       | Accepted (city-wide, 15 Councillors, no community boards)                               |
| 8             | Richard Croucher    | Rejected in part (city-wide, community boards); accepted in part (15 Councillors)       |
| 9             | Rob Turner          | Accepted in part (city-wide, no community boards); rejected in part (fewer Councillors) |
| 10            | Roy LeQuesne        | Accepted (city-wide, 15 Councillors, no community boards)                               |
| 11            | Colette Nixon       | Rejected in part (city-wide, community boards); accepted in part (15 Councillors)       |
| 12            | Mark Andrew         | Rejected in part (wards); accepted in part (15 Councillors, no community boards)        |
| 13            | Sophie              | Accepted in part (city-wide, no community boards); rejected in part (fewer Councillors) |
| 14            | Lew                 | Accepted in part (city-wide, 15 Councillors); rejected in part (community boards)       |
| 15            | Katarina Gray-Sharp | Rejected in part (wards, community boards); accepted in part (15 Councillors)           |
| 16            | Campbell Ogilvie    | Rejected in part (city-wide); accepted in part (15 Councillors, no community boards)    |
| 17            | Dale O'Reilly       | Rejected in part (city-wide, community boards); accepted in part (15 Councillors)       |
| 18            | Ross Nixon          | Accepted in part (city-wide, 15 Councillors); rejected in part (community boards)       |
| 19            | Jim Edwards         | Accepted (city-wide, 15 Councillors, no community boards)                               |
| 20            | Eric Constantine    | Rejected in part (wards); accepted in part (15 Councillors, no community boards)        |

**APPEAL FORM**  
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**FOR 2019 LOCAL ELECTIONS**



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| <b>Preferred Title:</b> Mr Mrs Ms Other |      |      |
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| <b>Email:</b>                           |      |      |
| <b>Signature:</b>                       |      |      |

*Please tick the box if you wish to speak to this appeal before the Local Government Commission. It is anticipated that the Commission will hold a hearing in Palmerston North.*

I wish to speak to this appeal.

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**Please Note:**

- Only persons who made submissions on the Council's initial proposal may lodge an appeal.
- Submissions will not be returned, so if you want a copy please keep one.
- Appeals will be referred to the Local Government Commission, which will make the final decision.
- Appeals may be available for viewing by the media and public.

**For further information:**

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**Appeals close Thursday 13 December 2018**

