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Representation review 2021- Initial Proposal

Report, presented by Hannah White, Democracy and Governance Manager.

The meeting adjourned at 10.49am.
The meeting resumed at 11.09am.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

RESOLVED

1. That the Council resolves pursuant to sections 19H and 19J and clauses 1 and 2 of Schedule 1A of the Local Electoral Act 2001, to adopt the following as its initial proposal for the review of representation arrangements for the 2022 and 2025 triennial local elections:
 - a) The Palmerston North City Council to comprise the mayor elected at-large and 15 councillors to be elected under the ward system, specifically 13 general ward councillors and two Māori ward councillors;
 - b) The Palmerston North City Council to comprise two wards, these being:
 - (i) Te Hirawanui General Ward as delineated on Plan LG-040-2013-W-1 deposited with the Local Government Commission and represented by 13 general ward councillors (elected by those electors city-wide on the general electoral roll);
 - (ii) Te Pūao Māori Ward as delineated on Plan LG-040-2013-W-1 deposited with the Local Government Commission and represented by two Māori ward councillors (elected by those electors city-wide on the Māori electoral roll);
 - c) The reasons for city-wide wards being that Palmerston North has a single, cohesive and city-wide community of interest that tightly overlaps the functional, perceptual and political dimensions of its population and that 15 councillors is an appropriate number to fairly and effectively represent the city;
 - d) No community boards be established as the Council is satisfied there are no communities that are sufficiently distinct or isolated to warrant community board representation and that there are sufficient mechanisms for fair and effective representation already available.

Clause 75-21 above was carried 11 votes to 4, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan and Aleisha Rutherford.

Against:

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Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay QSM, Orphée Mickalad and Karen Naylor.

Councillor Aleisha Rutherford left the meeting at 11.36am.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

RESOLVED

2. That the Council places public notice and invites submissions on the initial proposal from 6 August 2021 to 4pm 6 September 2021, with submissions to be heard on 21 September 2021.

Clause 75-21 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad and Karen Naylor.

Note:

Moved Aleisha Rutherford, seconded Lew Findlay QSM

Prior to adopting the resolutions stated in clauses 75.1 and 75.2 above, the following motion was proposed:

1. That the Council resolves pursuant to sections 19H and 19J and clauses 1 and 2 of Schedule 1A of the Local Electoral Act 2001, to adopt the following as its initial proposal for the review of representation arrangements for the 2022 and 2025 triennial local elections:

- a) The Palmerston North City Council to comprise the mayor elected at-large and 10 councillors to be elected under the ward system, specifically 9 general ward councillors and 1 Māori ward councillor;
- b) The Palmerston North City Council to comprise two wards, these being:
 - (i) Te Hirawanui General Ward as delineated on Plan LG-040-2013-W-1 deposited with the Local Government Commission and represented by 9 general ward councillors (elected by those electors city-wide on the general electoral roll);
 - (ii) Te Pūao Māori Ward as delineated on Plan LG-040-2013-W-1 deposited with the Local Government Commission and represented by 1 Māori ward councillor (elected by those electors city-wide on the Māori electoral roll);
- c) The reasons for city-wide wards being that Palmerston North has a single, cohesive and city-wide community of interest that tightly overlaps the functional, perceptual and political dimensions of its population and that 10 councillors is an appropriate number to fairly and effectively represent the city;
- d) No community boards be established as the Council is satisfied there are no communities that are sufficiently distinct or isolated to warrant community board representation and that there are sufficient mechanisms for fair and

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effective representation already available.

The motion was lost 6 votes to 9, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay QSM, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

Against:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan and Orphée Mickalad.

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