

Notice of Meeting:

I hereby give notice that an ordinary Meeting of the Hearings and Engagement Committee will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 13 October 2021
Time: 9.30am
Meeting Room: Council Chamber and Audio Visual Link
Venue: Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton

Richard Briggs
Chief Executive

Hearings and Engagement Committee

Komiti Whiriwhiri Kaupapa

OPEN AGENDA

Membership

Chairperson Cr E Wilson
Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Cr M Gallagher
Heamana Tuarua

Members

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| Mayor P Southgate | Cr S Thomson |
| Deputy Mayor G Taylor | Cr M van Oosten |
| Cr M Bunting | Cr A O'Leary |
| Cr R Hamilton | |
| Cr D Macpherson | |
| Cr K Naidoo-Rauf | |
| Cr R Pascoe | |
| Cr M Donovan | |

Meeting frequency As required

Quorum Three members (for matters relating to those functions in paragraph 3 and 4 of the TOR or a majority of members (including vacancies) for all other functions).

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Purpose

1. To conduct fair and effective hearings and make determinations on a range of the Council's quasi-judicial functions under legislation and other matters as referred to the Committee.
2. To convene and coordinate advisory groups on matters referred by other Committees.

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| The Committee is delegated the following Terms of Reference and powers: |
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Terms of Reference:

1. Hear and determine any statutory or regulatory hearings under relevant legislation unless otherwise delegated by Council, including (but without limitation):
 - objections under the Dog Control Act 1996;
 - matters regarding drainage and works on private land under the Local Government Act 1974 and Local Government Act 2002;
 - proposals for temporary closure of any road.
2. Consider and determine changes to the registers and restrictions in the Traffic Bylaw and Speed Limit Bylaw, including hearing any submissions relating to those proposed changes.
3. Hear and determine matters arising under current bylaws and policies, including applications for dispensation from compliance with the requirements of bylaws or policies, unless such matters are otherwise delegated by Council.
4. Hear and determine other matters that require hearings or submissions, as referred by Council or other Committees.

The Committee is delegated the following powers to act:

- Approval of matters determined by the Committee within its Terms of Reference.
- Approval of the establishment of hearings panels and their terms of reference.

The Committee is delegated the following recommendatory powers:

- The Committee may make recommendations to the Council.
- The Committee may make recommendations to Committees.

Special Notes:

- The Committee may request expert advice through the Chief Executive when necessary.
- The Committee may appoint additional members for hearings where the relevant terms of reference specify the requirement for expert or external representation.

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1 Apologies – *Tono aroha*

2 Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

The Committee to confirm the agenda.

3 Declaration of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipanga*

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

Council Report

Item 4

Committee: Hearings and Engagement Committee
Date: 13 October 2021
Author: Narelle Waite
Authoriser: Becca Brooke
Position: Governance Advisor
Position: Governance Manager
Report Name: Confirmation of the Hearings and Engagement Committee Open Minutes of 28 July 2021

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| Report Status | Open |
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Staff Recommendation - *Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi*

That the Hearings and Engagement Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Hearings and Engagement Committee Meeting held on 28 July 2021 as a true and correct record.

Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

Attachment 1 - Hearings and Engagement Committee Open Unconfirmed Minutes - 28 July 2021

Hearings and Engagement Committee *Komiti Whiriwhiri Kaupapa* OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Hearings and Engagement Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton and via audio-visual link on Wednesday 28 July 2021 at 9.39am.

PRESENT

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| Chairperson | Cr E Wilson |
| <i>Heamana</i> | |
| Deputy Chairperson | Cr M Gallagher |
| <i>Heamana Tuarua</i> | |
| Members | Mayor P Southgate |
| | Cr M Bunting |
| | Cr R Hamilton (partially via audio-visual link) |
| | Cr K Naidoo-Rauf (exclusively via audio-visual link) |
| | Cr S Thomson (exclusively via audio-visual link) |
| | Cr M van Oosten |
| | Cr A O'Leary |
| | Maangai T P Thompson-Evans (exclusively via audio-visual link) |
| In Attendance | Lance Vervoort – General Manager Community |
| | Kelvin Powell – City Safe Unit Manager |
| | Sandra Murray – Consultant |
| | Joanna van Walraven – Policy and Strategy Advisor |
| | Rebecca Whitehead – Unit Director Business and Planning |
| | Nick Chester – Social Development Advisor |
| | Raewyn Napier – Business Support Coordinator |
| | Simone van Asbeck – Communications and Engagement Advisor |
| Governance Staff | Amy Viggers – Governance Team Leader |
| | Narelle Waite and Tyler Gaukrodger – Governance Advisors |

1. **Apologies - *Tono aroha***
Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Bunting)
 That the apologies for absence from Deputy Mayor Taylor, Crs Pascoe, Hamilton, Macpherson and Naidoo-Rauf and for partial attendance from Mayor Southgate and Cr Bunting are accepted.
2. **Confirmation of Agenda - *Whakatau raarangi take***
Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr O'Leary)
 That the agenda is confirmed.
3. **Declarations of Interest - *Tauaakii whaipanga***
 No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Confirmation of the Hearings and Engagement Committee (He Pou Manawa Ora) Open Minutes of 24 March 2021

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Bunting)

That the Hearings and Engagement Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Hearings and Engagement Committee Meeting (He Pou Manawa Ora) held on 24 March 2021 as a true and correct record.

5. Open Air Burning Bylaw - Hearings Report

The City Safe Unit Manager and the Consultant spoke to the consultation held on the Open Air Burning Bylaw. They responded to questions from Members concerning submissions on the use of brassieres, clarification on the terminology 'nuisance smoke' and historical complaints.

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/ Cr Gallagher)

That the Hearings and Engagement Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) hears and considers verbal submissions arising from the 1 May – 30 May 2021 community engagement process; and
- c) notes that the Deliberation report will be presented to the Environment Committee meeting on 26 August 2021.

6. Permanent Public Art Policy and Monuments and Memorial Art Policy- Hearings and Engagement Report

[Jeremy Mayall \(Creative Waikato\)](#) spoke to his submission noting the importance of public art to support community wellbeing and the subjectivity of art. He further noted the benefits of establishing a panel due to the complexities of creating and installing public art. He responded to questions from Members concerning panel membership including subject matter expertise and conflicts of interest.

[Dr Joe Citizen](#) spoke to their submission noting some definitions and terminology in the draft policies required clarification, the requirements for submitting proposals and suggestions of a new Council resource (Production Manager) to support artists in developing proposals. They responded to questions from Members concerning proposal support available through existing organisations, the role of a Production Manager, ethics guidance and infrastructure challenges.

[Nancy Caiger and Karen O'Meegan \(MESH Sculpture Hamilton\)](#) spoke to the MESH submission noting Council's past art panels, the membership of the proposed panel, proposal processes and support for the separation of art and monuments. She responded to questions from Members concerning managing ethics and panel membership.

[Mark Servian \(The Riff Raff Public Art Trust\)](#) spoke to his submission noting his involvement in historical art policies, the process to install the Riff Raff statue, the definition of 'offense' as it relates to monuments and supported the suggestion of a previous submitter for a Production Manager resource. He responded to questions from Members concerning monuments and reverence.

[Carolyn Hopa](#) spoke to her submission noting the importance of insuring iwi representation and the importance of confirming the principles framing the art policy standards. She responded to questions from Members concerning building the policies' cultural wellbeing standards.

[Glenda Taituha \(Waikato Tainui\)](#) spoke to the Waikato Tainui submission noting the interconnectivity of monuments and art in te ao maaori, and support for development of a taskforce for creating the policy principles. They responded to questions from Members concerning the alignment with the He Pou Manawa Ora strategy, connectivity of public art as monuments in creation of maaori artworks.

[Rawiri Bidois \(THaWK\)](#) spoke to the THaWK submission noting the process for receiving mana whenua input within the proposed process.

The General Manager Community took the report as read. He responded to questions from Members concerning the timing of the deliberations report and allowing further feedback from Members.

Members requested the following points be addressed in the deliberations report:

- creation of underlining principles;
- high-level monument master-planning;
- panel process and membership;
- ensuring process supports accessibility to artists;
- considering te ao maaori alignment with the panel and process;
- storytelling guidelines differentiating historical storytelling and monuments;
- clarifying definitions and terminology;
- integration of art in new developments and city growth planning;
- mana whenua input processes;
- an art register for master planning; and
- maintenance.

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to hold a workshop/briefing with Members discussing the deliberations prior to the report coming to the Community Committee meeting of 12 October 2021.*

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Mayor Southgate)

That the Hearings and Engagement Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) hears and considers verbal submissions arising from the 17 June and 9 July 2021 community engagement process; and
- c) notes that a deliberations report will be presented to the Community Committee on 12 October 2021.

Mayor Southgate joined the meeting (9.55am) during submissions on the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

Cr Hamilton left the meeting (9.55am) during the submissions on the above item.

Cr Hamilton re-joined the meeting (10.06am) via audio-visual link. He was present when the matter was voted on.

Cr Naidoo-Rauf joined the meeting (10.10am) during submissions on the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

Cr Bunting retired from the meeting (10.10am) during submissions on the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

Maangai Thompson-Evans retired from the meeting (10.22am) during submissions on the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting was declared closed at 11.15am.

Item 4

Attachment 1

Council Report

Item 5

Committee: Hearings and Engagement Committee
Date: 13 October 2021
Author: Narelle Waite
Authoriser: Becca Brooke
Position: Governance Advisor
Position: Governance Manager
Report Name: Confirmation of the Hearings and Engagement Committee Minutes (Traffic Matters) - 23 September 2021

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| Report Status | <i>Open</i> |
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Staff Recommendation - *Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi*

That the Hearings and Engagement Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Hearings and Engagement Committee (Traffic Matters) Meeting held on 23 September 2021 as a true and correct record.

Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

Attachment 1 - Hearings and Engagement Committee Open Unconfirmed Minutes - 23 September 2021

Hearings and Engagement Committee

Komiti Whiriwhiri Kaupapa

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Hearings and Engagement Committee held via Audio-visual Link on Thursday 23 September 2021 at 9.30am.

PRESENT

Chairperson Cr E Wilson

Heamana

Deputy Chairperson Cr M Gallagher

Heamana Tuarua

Members Deputy Mayor G Taylor
Cr R Pascoe
Cr M Donovan
Cr S Thomson
Cr M van Oosten

In Attendance: Eeva-Liisa Wright – General Manager Infrastructure Operations
Robyn Denton – Acting Transport Unit Manager

Governance Staff: Narelle Waite and Carmen Fortin – Governance Advisors

1. **Apologies - *Tono aroha***

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Gallagher)

That the apologies for absence from Crs Macpherson, O'Leary, Naidoo-Rauf and Hamilton, and for partial attendance from Cr Pascoe are accepted.

Cr Donovan joined the meeting (9.31am) at the conclusion of the above item. He was not present when he matter was voted on.

2. **Confirmation of Agenda - *Whakatau raarangi take***

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Gallagher)

That the agenda is confirmed.

3. **Declarations of Interest - *Tauaakii whaipanga***

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. **Confirmation of the Hearings and Engagement Committee Minutes (Traffic Matters) - 28 July 2021**

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr van Oosten)

That the Hearings and Engagement Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Hearings and Engagement Committee (Traffic Matters) Meeting held on 28 July 2021 as a true and correct record.

5. Parking Restrictions and Traffic Bylaw Changes

The Acting Unit Manager Transport introduced the report noting changes relating to the Geographic Information System rollout and requests for service received.

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Thomson)

That the Hearings and Engagement Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) approves the changes to parking restrictions and controls as set out in the table below:

| Location | Description |
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| Menzies Street | Installation of the following 'No Stopping' restrictions: 38m outside #183 Te Rapa Road. 18.5m outside #175 Te Rapa Road. |
| Higgins Road | Installation of 6.5m 'No Stopping' lines outside #87 Higgins Road. Installation of 6.5m 'No Stopping' lines outside #87 Higgins Road. |
| Heaphy Terrace | Installation of 17m 'No Stopping' lines from #797-825 Heaphy Terrace. |
| Cameron Road | Installation of 12m 'P10 8am-6pm Mon-Sun' parking restriction outside #67 Cameron Road. Installation of the following 'No Stopping' restrictions: 5m outside #67 Cameron Road. 5m outside #65 Cameron Road. |
| Taiatea Drive | Extend the existing 'No Stopping' lines to a new length of 15m outside #24 Taiatea Drive. Installation of the following 'No Stopping' restrictions: 5m outside #20 Taiatea Drive. 6m outside #18 Taiatea Drive. 6.5m outside #16 Taiatea Drive. 6.5m outside #14 Taiatea Drive. 6.5m outside #12 Taiatea Drive. 6.5m outside #10 Taiatea Drive. 6.5m outside #8 Taiatea Drive. 6.5m outside #6 Taiatea Drive. 6.5m outside #4 Taiatea Drive. |
| Rimu Street | Gazette the existing 18.5m 'P5 At All Time' parking restriction outside #89 Rimu Street. |
| Gillies Avenue | Gazette the existing 7m 'No Stopping' lines outside #1 Gillies Avenue. |
| Te Rapa Road | Gazette the existing 5m 'P30 8am-6pm Mon-Sun' parking restriction outside #400 Te Rapa Road. Gazette the existing 17.5m 'P30 8am-6pm Mon-Sun' parking restriction outside #400 Te Rapa Road. Gazette the existing 7m 'No Stopping' lines outside #400 Te Rapa Road. Gazette the existing 5m 'No Stopping' lines outside #414 Te Rapa Road. Gazette the existing 7.5m 'No Stopping' lines outside #414 Te Rapa Road. |
| Thomas Road | Gazette the existing 18m 'No Stopping' lines outside #121 Thomas Road. |
| Newcastle Road | Gazette the existing 220m 'No Stopping' lines outside #80-#108 |

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| | Newcastle Road. |
| Maeroa Road | Gazette the existing 12m 'No Stopping' lines outside #1319 Victoria Street. |
| Hillcrest Road | Gazette the existing 88m 'No Stopping' lines outside #211 Hillcrest Road. |
| Bader Street | Installation of a 12m 'Bus Stop' outside #51 Bader Street. |
| Bader Street | Installation of a 12m 'Bus Stop' outside #81 Bader Street. |
| Bader Street | Installation of a 15m 'Bus Stop' outside #66 Bader Street. |
| Cameron Road | Rescind 15m 'P120 8am-6pm Mon-Fri' parking restriction. |
| Berkley Avenue | Rescind 6m 'No Stopping' restriction outside #2 Eton Drive. |
| Taiatea Drive | Rescind 4m of 'No Stopping' outside #24 Taiatea Drive. |

6. Hamilton City Speed Limit Bylaw Register Changes

The Acting Unit Manager Transport introduced the report noting the City Speed Limits Bylaw 2018, the Brymer Road speed reduction and the variable speed limit signage for school trials. She responded to questions from Members concerning times for the variable speed limits at schools, measurable outcomes, signage design and use of electronic signs, selection of trial schools, international precedent and driver behaviour.

Staff Action: Staff undertook to provide feedback to Waka Kotahi concerning the prescribed time limits for speed limit reductions around schools.

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Thomson)

That the Hearings and Engagement Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) approves the following changes to the Hamilton City Speed Limits Bylaw 2018 registers;
 - i. amends the following speed limit registers:

| SPEED LIMIT (km/h) | ROAD NAME | DESCRIPTION | DATE SPEED LIMIT COMES INTO FORCE | LEGAL INSTRUMENT | PREVIOUS LEGAL INSTRUMENT |
|--|-------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Register 11: Roads Located In Neighbouring Authorities Included In This Bylaw | | | | | |
| 50 | Brymer Road | 45m west of Farnborough Drive to 425m north of Baverstock Road 180m north of Baverstock Road (with Waikato District Council) | <u>6 December 2021</u> | <u>Hamilton Speed Limit Bylaw 2018. Change to Register 24 September 2021</u> | <u>Hamilton Speed Limit Bylaw 2013</u> |

| SPEED LIMIT (km/h) | ROAD NAME / DESCRIPTION DESCRIPTION | DATE SPEED LIMIT COMES INTO FORCE | LEGAL INSTRUMENT | PREVIOUS LEGAL INSTRUMENT |
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| Register 12: Roads with a Variable Speed Limit | | | | |
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| <u>40/50</u> <u>km/h</u> <u>variable</u> <u>speed</u> <u>limit</u> | Variable Speed School Zones: | | | |
| | <p>School zones marked on the map entitled "Hamilton City Speed Limits as at <u>24 May 2010</u> <u>24 September 2021</u>", and identified in the legend as having a variable speed limit of <u>30km/h</u> or <u>40km/h</u>, <u>are</u> subject to the following conditions:</p> <p>1. The speed limit is <u>30km/h</u> or <u>40km/h</u> when the <u>variable</u> speed limit signs are operating and the numerals "30"/ "40" are displayed.</p> <p>2. The times during which the variable speed limit signs are permitted to operate are limited to:</p> <p>(a) 35 minutes before the start of school until the start of school;</p> <p>(b) 20 minutes after the end of school, commencing no earlier than 5 minutes before the end of school;</p> <p>(c) 10 minutes at any other time during a school day when at least 50 children cross the road or enter or leave a vehicle at the roadside.</p> <p>3. The speed limit is <u>40km/h</u> / <u>50 km/h</u> at all times when the variable speed limit signs are not operating.</p> | | | |
| Register 14: City of Hamilton Speed Limits Map | | | | |
| Updated speed limit map as at September 2021 as per Attachment 4 presented at the 23 September 2021 Hearings and Engagement Committee meeting. | | | | |

ii. adds the following speed limits to registers:

| SPEED LIMIT (km/h) | ROAD NAME | DESCRIPTION | DATE SPEED LIMIT COMES INTO FORCE | LEGAL INSTRUMENT | PREVIOUS LEGAL INSTRUMENT |
|---|--------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Register 11: Roads Located In Neighbouring Authorities Included In This Bylaw | | | | | |
| <u>30</u> | <u>Brymer Road</u> | <u>180m North of Baverstock Road to 425m North of</u> | <u>6 December 2021</u> | <u>Hamilton Speed Limit Bylaw 2018. Change to Register</u> | <u>Hamilton Speed Limit Bylaw</u> |

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| | | <u>Baverstock Road</u> <u>(with Waikato</u> <u>District Council)</u> | | <u>23 September 2021</u> | <u>Amendment</u> <u>June 2011</u> <u>Hamilton</u> <u>Speed Limit</u> <u>Bylaw 2013.</u> |
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| SPEED LIMIT (km/h) | ROAD NAME / DESCRIPTION | DATE SPEED LIMIT COMES INTO FORCE | LEGAL INSTRUMENT | PREVIOUS LEGAL INSTRUMENT |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| Register 12: Roads with a Variable Speed Limit | | | | |
| <u>30/40 km/h</u> <u>variable</u> <u>speed limit</u> | <u>Hamilton West School</u> <u>Hammond Street / Horne</u> <u>Street: From a point 100m</u> <u>north east of Tidd Street</u> <u>extending in a northerly</u> <u>direction to 255m south of</u> <u>Palmerston Street</u> | <u>4-26th October</u> <u>2021</u> | <u>Hamilton Speed</u> <u>Limit Bylaw 2018.</u> <u>Change to Register</u> <u>23 September 2021</u> | <u>Hamilton</u> <u>Speed Limit</u> <u>Bylaw</u> <u>Amendment</u> <u>June 2009</u> <u>Hamilton</u> <u>Speed Limit</u> <u>Bylaw 2013.</u> |
| <u>30/40 km/h</u> <u>variable</u> <u>speed limit</u> | <u>Rhode Street School</u> <u>Rhode Street: From</u> <u>Paterson Street to</u> <u>Blackburn Street</u> | <u>4-26th October</u> <u>2021</u> | <u>Hamilton Speed</u> <u>Limit Bylaw 2018.</u> <u>Change to Register</u> <u>23 September 2021</u> | <u>Hamilton</u> <u>Speed Limit</u> <u>Bylaw</u> <u>Amendment</u> <u>June 2011</u> <u>Hamilton</u> <u>Speed Limit</u> <u>Bylaw 2013.</u> |
| <u>30/40 km/h</u> <u>variable</u> <u>speed limit</u> | <u>Te Totara Primary School</u> <u>Hector Drive: From</u> <u>Piwakawaka Court to</u> <u>Keerangi Place</u> <u>Raupo Place: From Hector</u> <u>Drive to end of</u> | <u>4-26th October</u> <u>2021</u> | <u>Hamilton Speed</u> <u>Limit Bylaw 2018.</u> <u>Change to Register</u> <u>23 September 2021</u> | <u>Hamilton</u> <u>Speed Limit</u> <u>Bylaw</u> <u>Amendment</u> <u>June 2011</u> <u>Hamilton</u> <u>Speed Limit</u> <u>Bylaw 2013.</u> |

The meeting was declared closed at 10.05am.

Council Report

Committee: Hearings and Engagement Committee

Date: 13 October 2021

Author: Becca Brooke

Authoriser: David Bryant

Position: Governance Manager

Position: General Manager People and Organisational Performance

Report Name: 2021 Wider Representation Review - Submissions Report

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| Report Status | <i>Open</i> |
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Purpose - *Take*

1. To inform the Hearings and Engagement Committee of feedback received from submissions on the Council's initial proposal for Wider Representation Review changes.

Staff Recommendation - *Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi*

2. That the Hearings and Engagement Committee:
 - a) receives the report and notes the feedback received;
 - b) notes that an Elected Member workshop is scheduled for 20 October 2021 to provide further consideration and feedback to staff to support development of the final proposal;
 - c) notes that the Council will need to determine a final proposal for its representation arrangements at the Council Meeting on 11 November 2021; and
 - d) notes that procedurally, for any amendment or alteration of Council's initial proposal, the Council must demonstrate a connection to the submissions received.

Executive Summary - *Whakaraapopototanga matua*

3. In May, following a resolution to establish Maaori wards, Council commenced a Wider Representation Review. This process saw Elected Members consider of a range of potential representation options culminating in the development of an initial proposal for changes to the existing representation system.
4. Council resolved its initial proposal on 12 August 2021. Key components of this proposal were:
 - i. Retain current general ward arrangement of 6 councillors elected in the East Ward, and 6 councillors elected in the West Ward.
 - ii. Increasing the total number of Councillors to 14.
 - iii. Introducing one city-wide Maaori ward with two Maaori ward councillors.
 - iv. Not introducing community boards.
5. The initial proposal was presented to the public for consultation on 25 August 2021 with the submissions period running until midnight 6 October 2021. The consultation asked submitters whether they supported the initial proposal or not, and why.

6. It should be noted that; due to this report being released just prior to the final closure of submissions, and the possibility there may remain some hardcopy submission staff have not been able to retrieve due to Level 3 Covid-19 restriction; all submission related data in this report must be considered preliminary. An updated report will provided as soon as possible.
7. During the six week submission period:
 - i. 429 survey responses were received from Hamilton residents.
 - ii. 166 responses (39%) supported the initial proposal.
 - iii. 263 responses (61%) did not support the initial proposal in its entirety.
 - iv. 42 respondents have indicated they wished to speak to their submission.
8. The Council now needs to consider the submissions received on its initial proposal and hear those submitters who have asked to present to Council on 13 October 2021.
9. An Elected Member workshop is scheduled for 20 October 2021 to provide further consideration and feedback to staff to support development of the final proposal for the wider representation system.
10. Council will then need to resolve a final representation review proposal at its meeting on 11 November 2021.
11. Staff consider the matters in this report have medium significance and that the recommendations comply with the Council's legal requirements.

Background - *Koorero whaimaarama*

Legal context

12. Earlier this year, Hamilton City Council resolved to establish Maaori wards for the 2022 and 2025 triennial elections. That decision triggered the requirement to undertake a Wider Representation Review.
13. A Wider Representation Review process must be carried out according to the LEA which requires each council in New Zealand to:
 - a) Identify the city's communities of interest and their geographical boundaries;
 - b) Ensure effective representation of these communities of interest by considering the following factors:
 - i. the number of wards (if any), and their boundaries and names;
 - ii. how Councillors are elected; i.e. from wards, 'at large' (across the whole of the city) or a mix of both;
 - iii. the number of Councillors;
 - iv. whether to establish community boards, and, if so, the arrangements for those boards.
 - c) Provide fair representation to electors, by ensuring that each Councillor represents about the same number of people. The LEA sets out a formula (known as the '+/- 10% rule') that applies to wards to achieve population equity. This principle does not apply if councillors are elected 'at large'.
14. The above aspects have been thoroughly considered in the process so far and leading up to the development of the initial proposal. The range of options considered to date and supporting information may be found in the previous 12 August 2021 Council report on this matter [here](#).

Review process and consultation

15. The Wider Representation Review process to date has included two workshops with Elected Members and engagement with Māori partners during development of the initial proposal. The review also drew on information collected as part of thorough community engagement during the 2018 Wider Representation Review.
16. Public consultation on the initial proposal resolved by Council on 12 August 2021 ran from 25 August – 6 October 2021. This consultation campaign included:
 - i. an online component supporting digital submissions at yourcityelections.co.nz (with a video explaining the reason for the review, initial proposal and options considered);
 - ii. hardcopy versions of the online material and paper submission forms available at the Municipal building and libraries; and
 - iii. utilising a range of printed press, radio, social media and online advertising opportunities.
17. More detailed information on the range of engagement tactics and interaction with these is available in the preliminary Representation Review: Preliminary Engagement and Submissions Insights report in Attachment One.

Timeframes

18. The timeframes for the remainder of the Wider Representation Review process are below:

| Date | Milestone |
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| 13 October | Verbal submissions heard by the Hearings and Engagement Committee |
| 20 October | Council briefing (confirm any changes to final proposal) |
| 11 November | Council meeting (resolve final proposal) |
| 17 November | Public notice of final proposal |
| 17 November – 17 December | Appeal/objection period |
| By 14 January | Material to LGC (if required/an objection is lodged) |
| By 11 April | Determination by LGC (if required) |

Final proposal

19. Following consideration of the submissions received during formal consultation, and further engagement with staff at the 20 October 2021 workshop, the Council must resolve a final proposal on 11 November 2021. This will then need to be publicly notified.
20. In determining a final proposal, Council must provide reasons where the initial proposal is amended and why any submissions were not supported – this is a requirement for the public notice of the final proposal.
21. A one-month period for appeals or objections follows the public notice, during which:
 - i. an appeal may be made by a submitter on the initial proposal on matters related to their original submission; and/or
 - ii. an objection may be lodged by any person if the Council's final proposal differs from its initial proposal. The objection must identify the matters to which the objection relates.
22. If no appeals or objections are received on the Council's final proposal and that proposal complies with the LEA requirements for achieving fair representation, then that proposal becomes the basis for election for the 2022 triennial elections. A public notice is required to provide confirmation of this.
23. The Council's final representation arrangements will be determined by the Local Government Commission (LGC), if the Council's final proposal:

- is the subject of any appeal and/or objection; and/or
- does not comply with the requirements for achieving fair representation (i.e. the +/- 10% rule in the LEA, noted in paragraph 13c).

Discussion - *Matapaki*

24. It is important to note that the submissions period does not formally close until midnight 6 October 2021 – some hours after the release of this report. In addition, due to current Covid-19 Level 3 restrictions in place at the time of writing, there may still be hardcopy submissions that staff have not been able to gain access to.
25. Therefore, the following submissions data in this report and related submissions analysis must be considered preliminary. An updated attachment will be circulated as soon as possible.
26. To date, the Council has received a total of 429 submissions from Hamiltonians on its initial proposal for changes to the wider representation system. All the submissions received can be found [here](#). Elected Members are urged to read these in full.
27. A summary of the submission results included in Attachment One is provided below:
 - i. 429 submissions were received from Hamilton residents (34 were received by non-residents which are not considered in the analysis that follows).
 - ii. Overall response to the initial proposal:
 - 166 respondents (39%) supported the Council's initial proposal.
 - 263 respondents (61%) did not support the initial proposal in its entirety.
 - iii. Retain the current arrangement of 6 councillors elected in the East Ward, and 6 councillors elected in the West Ward: Of the 175 (or 41% of all respondents) who commented on this aspect of the proposal:
 - 105 (60%) supported keeping the East and West general wards.
 - 57 (33%) sought one city-wide general ward.
 - 13 (7%) suggested alternative arrangements.
 - iv. Increase total number of Councillors to 14: Of the 296 (or 69% of all respondents) who commented on this aspect of the proposal:
 - 143 (48%) supported the proposal of 14 Councillors.
 - 115 (50%) want the total number of Councillors to stay at 12 or less.
 - 6 (2%) thought 14 wasn't enough.
 - v. Introduce a city-wide Maaori ward with two Maaori ward Councillors: Of the 52 (or 12% of all respondents) who commented on this aspect of the proposal:
 - 41 (79%) supported a city-wide Maaori ward.
 - 11 (21%) did not support the proposal and noted a preference for 2 Maaori wards (East and West).
 - A further 37 comments suggested two Maaori ward Councillors does not provide sufficient representation.
 - vi. No community boards: Of the 43 (or 10% of all respondents) who commented on this aspect of the proposal:
 - 16 respondents (37%) agreed with the proposal and rejected the introduction of community boards.
 - 27 respondents (63%) disagreed with the proposal and supported the introduction of community boards.
28. Although out of the scope of this consultation, a large number of submission comment (298) related to the introduction of Maaori wards. While most of these comments were in favour of Maaori wards (198 or 66%), almost all of those who opposed the establishment of Maaori wards also opposed the initial proposal overall.

29. A detailed preliminary Engagement Tactics and Submissions Insights report analysing the submissions received is in Attachment One. This also covers engagement tactics used and respondent demographics. A confirmed report will be provided prior to the Hearing and Engagement Committee meeting on 13 October 2021 if any updates are made.
30. 42 respondents have indicated they wish to speak to their submissions. A hearings schedule will be circulated under separate cover.

Legal and Policy Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro-aa-ture*

31. Staff confirm that the Wider Representation Review process, including development and consultation on Council's initial proposal comply with legal and policy requirements.
32. The legislative requirements of a Wider Representation Review are in paragraphs 12-13.

Wellbeing Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro-aa-oranga tonutanga*

33. The purpose of Local Government changed on the 14 May 2019 to include promotion of the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future ('the 4 wellbeings').
34. The subject matter of this report has been evaluated in terms of the 4 wellbeings during the process of developing this report as outlined below.

Social

35. Hamilton City Council is obliged under section 18 of the LGA to provide fair and effective representation for the individuals and communities of Hamilton.
36. As part of undertaking a Wider Representation Review, Council assesses the communities of interest in Hamilton and how best to ensure they have appropriate access to Elected Members that are able to represent their needs appropriately.
37. This works to ensure that individuals and communities are included and able to participate in the decision-making processes of Council that affect their daily lives.

Economic and Environmental

38. The matters considered in this report have no significant direct impact on economic or environmental wellbeing.
39. However, effective representation does mean individuals and communities are able to better participate in Council processes and decision-making that may have an impact on economic and/or environmental wellbeing.

Cultural

40. Effective representation means individuals and communities are able to better participate in Council processes and decision-making that may have an impact on cultural wellbeing.
41. The inclusion of one or more Maaori wards as part of the Wider Representation Review has important implications for Maaori cultural wellbeing.
42. The LGA imposes obligations on the Council to recognise and respect our Treaty obligations. In upholding these obligations, local government acknowledges the unique perspective of Maaori on decisions that relate to people, land, assets and resources.
43. Ensuring appropriate and effective representation of Maaori in Council supports the capability and capacity of Maaori communities to ensure their unique heritage and culture is expressed and reflected in Council decision-making.

Risks - *Tuuraru*

44. The public has the right to appeal, or object to, the Council's final proposal for its representation arrangements within a one-month period from public notice of a final proposal.
45. Should Council receive an appeal or objection following resolution of a final proposal, it must refer its full Wider Representation Review process and documentation to the LGC for review.
46. In this event, the LGC would consider the robustness of the process followed by the Council and it may also form an opinion on matters which are within the scope of the review.
47. It is not possible to eliminate the possibility of an objection or an appeal being lodged. However, staff are confident the review process has been robust, and all relevant steps have been taken at this stage to ensure every statutory requirement has been met. This includes:
 - i. utilisation of significant pre-consultation previously done with the public, discussions with Elected Members and engagement with Maaori partners;
 - ii. comprehensive and robust record-keeping and management by the project team;
 - iii. compliance with the LEA and LGC guidelines; and
 - iv. ongoing communication with, and support from, the Council's electoral officer.

Significance & Engagement Policy - *Kaupapa here whakahira/anganui*

Significance

48. Staff have considered the key considerations under the Significance and Engagement Policy and have assessed that the matter(s) in this report has/have a medium level of significance.

Engagement

49. Truncated timeframes prohibited any public pre-engagement on the initial proposal. However, thorough consultation on representation arrangements and communities of interest had been carried out in 2018 and this was used to inform the development and consideration of options.
50. Staff engaged with Maaori partners to understand their views on the options being considered, particularly as they related to Maaori wards, prior to developing initial proposal options.
51. Formal consultation on the initial proposal commenced with a public notice of the initial proposal on 25 August 2021. Submissions close at midnight on October 6 2021. This consultation included a campaign as outlined in paragraph 16.
52. Upon resolving a final proposal, Council is required to issue a public notice and provide an opportunity (for a minimum of a month) for the public to lodge an appeal or objection to the proposal.

Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

Attachment 1 - Representation Review - Preliminary Engagement and Submissions Insights Report



REPRESENTATION REVIEW: SUBMISSIONS INSIGHTS & ANALYSIS

Note this is an interim report. A final report will be provided post the engagement period closing midnight 6 October 2021.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has prepared an initial representation review proposal and undertook engagement with the community on this proposal from 25 August to 6 October.

The initial proposal put to the community was:

- Retain the current general ward arrangements of 6 councillors elected in the East Ward, and 6 councillors elected in the West Ward,
- Increase the total number of councillors to 14
- Introduce a city-wide Maaori ward with 2 Maaori ward councillors
- No community boards.

The community were asked to indicate if they support the initial proposal (or not) and why as one question.

It should be noted that during the consultation period Hamilton was in COVID-19 Alert Level 4, and moved through to Alert Level 2 and then back to Level 3. This impacted the choice of media channels and required more focus on digital media channels.

We received 429 responses through the survey, with 166 respondents (39%) supporting Council's **initial proposal** to keep the current East and West general wards with six councillors elected from each ward, keep the mayor elected at large, meaning everyone can vote for the mayor, and introduce two new Maaori ward councillors to be elected citywide. 263 (61%) that did not support the proposal in its entirety.

The comments from the respondents have been analysed and the following key insights identified under the key components of the initial proposal:

1) Retain the current arrangement of 6 councillors elected in the East Ward, and 6 councillors elected in the West Ward.

Of the 175 comments in relation to this, 105 (60%) supported keeping the current ward system and 57 (33%) suggested all councillors should be elected city-wide, with 13 (7%) suggesting other alternatives such as a mixture of ward and city-wide options.

2) Increase to total Number of Councillors to 14

296 comments were made in relation to the number of councillors. This was the most commented on component of the initial proposal. The comments were split with 143 (48%) in support of the increase to 14 councillors and 147 (50%) either opting for 12 councillors or less. 6 (2%) of comments said we should increase the number of councillors.

3) Introduce a city wide Maaori ward with 2 Maaori ward councillors

89 comments were made in relation to how the Maaori seats are to be implemented, with 41 comments supporting the initial proposal and 11 comments suggesting seats be elected as East and West ward seats. The remaining 37 comments suggested that the initial proposal of two Maaori councillors did not provide sufficient representation.

4) No Community boards

Only a small number of comments (43) were made in relation to community boards, with 27 of those comments suggesting community boards and 16 of the comments not supporting community boards.

5) Other concerns

There were also 52 comments in relation to the cost of additional councillors and 27 comments in relation to the impact of additional councillors on Council's ability to make decisions. It should be noted with reference to the cost of additional councillors - as it became apparent that feedback was being received on this point, staff made updates to the website to provide further clarification around the apportionment of the salary pool for councillors.

Although this consultation was not about the introduction of Maaori wards (this decision has already been decided by Council), there were 298 comments on the introduction of Maaori wards with 198 (66%) comments in support of Maaori wards and 100 (34%) comments opposed to Maaori wards. Of the comments opposed to Maaori wards, 95 of the respondents did not support the initial proposal.

This engagement is an 'opt-in' survey and therefore is not based on a representative sample of the community. The following key trends were noted in relation to the demographic profile of the respondents:

- In the responses, respondents aged 25-29 were more likely to support Council's initial proposal
- Respondents who identified as Maaori were more likely to support Council's proposal.
- A higher number of respondents were from Hamilton's East wards who have a higher preference for retaining the East and West ward boundaries compared to West ward residents.

ENGAGEMENT TACTICS

GOAL

To make Hamilton City Council governance representation 'real' for all Hamiltonians.

OBJECTIVES

- Hamiltonians are aware of the representation review
- We make it easy for Hamiltonians to understand our proposed option
- Our partners and stakeholders help us to share the word
- Our campaign is accessible for our community.

ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGN REVIEW

The engagement campaign ran from 25 August to 6 October and asked Hamiltonians whether they supported Council's initial proposal for representation, and why/why not.

The initial proposal was:

- Retain the current general ward arrangements of 6 councillors elected in the East Ward, and 6 councillors elected in the West Ward
- Increase the total number of councillors to 14
- Introduce a city wide Maaori ward with 2 Maaori ward councillors
- No community boards.

An animated video on yourcityelections.co.nz explained the reason for the representation review, the different options Council looked at, and the initial proposal. Hardcopy versions of the consultation document were available at the Council building and libraries, and included an illustrated explanation of the video content. Hardcopy versions were provided as follows: 10 to each library, 5 each to customer service and to community development, being sustainable with our resources and providing multiple ways for the community to access the information.

People could send their submissions via the digital submission form on yourcityelections.co.nz or by mailing the physical submission form in the hardcopy consultation document.

The campaign was promoted via:

- Waikato Times (25 August, 8 September, read by 45,000 people a day)
- Hamilton Press (22 September, 29 September, delivered to 70, 146 households)
- Waikato Weekly Chinese Newspaper (10 September, read by 12,000 people)
- Indian Weekender Newspaper (17 September, estimated reach of 120,000 people)
- Two bus backs (5 September to 6 October, estimated 232,000 impressions with a reach of 38,000 people seeing it 6.1 times).
- Mediaworks radio stations (27 September to 6 October, Edge, Mai FM, More FM, The Rock)
- NZME radio stations (25 August to 1 September, ZM, The Hits, Newstalk ZB, Coast)
- Stuff online advertising (25 August to 1 September, read by 87% of Hamiltonians)
- Google advertising (25 August to 6 October, 659,000 impressions)
- Youtube (25 August to 6 October, used by 55% of Hamiltonians)
- Metservice online advertising (13 to 17 September app used by 30% of Hamilton)
- Newshub online advertising (1 September to 6 October, 12,626 impressions)
- Neighbourly advertising (used by 21% of Hamiltonians)
- Electronic Direct Mail newsletters sent to Council's databases of consultation notifications, Submitters to the Maaori Wards consultation, schools and community organisations (1853 subscribers, emails were sent 3 September, 23 September and 30 September respectively)

- Facebook (paid advertising 25 August, 27 August, 16 September, 17 September, 23 September, 27 September and 28 September, used by 76% of Hamiltonians)
- Instagram (paid advertising 25 August, 27 August, 16 September, 17 September, 23 September, 27 September and 28 September, used by 43% of Hamiltonians)
- LinkedIn (organic posts only, 27 August, 15 September, 5 October, used by 22% of Hamiltonians)

Throughout the consultation period staff monitored the submission numbers and analysed the demographics of submissions. Youth, Maaori and other ethnic groups were underrepresented in the responses. We took several actions to encourage submissions from these groups, including:

- Sending an email specifically to people who submitted to the consultation of the introduction of Maaori wards in April 2021
- Adding a \$200 Prezy Card incentive for submitters, promoted heavily on social media
- Sending a reminder email to our EDM database
- Sending extra collateral and reminders to the Community Development team
- Inverting the colours on digital assets (white background instead of orange) to mitigate election fatigue – this consultation immediately followed by-election voting

The Covid-19 lockdown impacted our media choices, and meant we used less traditional media channels than we otherwise may have. Printing and distribution of the Consultation Document was delayed, and Bus Backs were launched at Level 2. We focused on digital media channels during Levels 4 & 3, shifting radio bookings where we could ensure they reached the Level 2 commuting crowd.

SUBMISSIONS INSIGHTS

FEEDBACK THROUGH SUBMISSION FORMS (ONLINE & PAPER COPY)

Council looked at a range of options as part of the Wider Representation Review and put forward an initial proposal to the public for consultation.

Participants of this survey were asked for their feedback on that proposal, which was:

- Retain the current general ward arrangements of 6 councillors elected in the East Ward, and 6 councillors elected in the West Ward,
- Increase the total number of councillors to 14
- Introduce a city wide Maaori ward with 2 Maaori ward councillors
- No community boards.

Alongside whether participants supported the Council's proposal, participants were asked to comment on the reason for their choice, and comments from each group of respondents (those in support of the proposal and those that did not) were then analysed and insights were gleaned from the verbatim responses.

Thematic analysis of comments been categorised into the following areas:

1. Ward boundaries and structure
2. Total number of councillors
3. Maaori seats and their implementation.
4. Community Boards

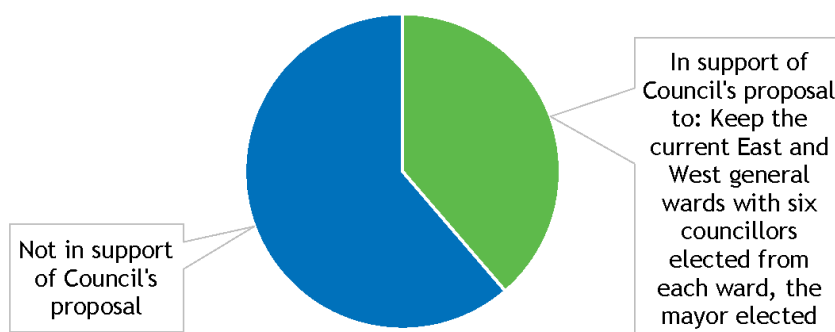
It should be noted that this is an opt-in surveys and not randomly selected samples from the population, so may not accurately reflect the wider populations views on the proposal.

Response to Initial Proposal:

Out of a total of 463 responses, 429 respondents identified as Hamilton residents. The following insights are from Hamilton residents only.

166 respondents (39%) supported Council's **initial proposal** to keep the current East and West general wards with six councillors elected from each ward, keep the mayor elected at large, meaning everyone can vote for the mayor, and introduce two new Maaori ward councillors to be elected citywide. 263 respondents (61%) did not support the proposal in its entirety.

Respondents' choice



Keeping East and West general ward boundaries:

From the 175 comments made by the submitters relating to the East and West ward boundaries, the following insights have been identified:

- 105 comments were in support of keeping **East and West ward boundaries** and electing six councillors from each ward, and the respondents were split with 46% supporting the initial proposal and 54% not in support of the initial proposal.

"It is important to keep a ward system so that people with fewer resources (largely in the Western ward) are still represented. I am entirely opposed to a citywide election i.e. one general ward. This setup strongly advantages candidates with significant financial resources, whether or not they are capable of representing anyone."

"I like that we will continue to have local representation for each side of the river."

- 57 comments were in support of all **general councillors should be elected citywide** and the majority (88%) of these were not in support of the initial proposal.

"I do not agree with the City being split into East and West- I think the city should be united and we should be voting for who we think can represent the city as a whole- not divided. There are and have been some councillors who once elected just poll for thier elected side of the city - and I think that is wrong and with the city moving to the North and South its time the river stopped dividing us" (sic)

"I would prefer to have Hamilton as a single ward, as this will give me a larger number of prospective Councillors to choose from."

- There were also suggestions from the comments in support of a mixture of at large and ward-based councillors, and changes to the size and boundary areas of the wards.

| Insight | Total | In support of initial proposal | Not in support of initial proposal |
|--|-------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Retain East and West ward boundaries for general councillors | 105 | 48 | 57 |
| All general councillors should be elected at-large/ city-wide | 57 | 7 | 50 |
| There should be a mixture of at-large and East and West wards | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| There should be a larger number of wards/ geographically smaller wards | 8 | 2 | 6 |
| Change the East and West wards to North and South Wards | 2 | 1 | 1 |

Total Number of councillors:

From the 296 comments made by the submitters on number of councillors, the following insights have been identified:

- 143 respondents were in support of the proposal to **increase the total number of councillors to 14**. The majority of these selected to support the initial proposal.
- 115 respondents comments were in support of **retaining the status quo of 12 councillors**. The majority of these selected to not support the initial proposal.
- 32 respondents comments were in support of **less than 12 councillors** and the majority of these did not support the initial proposal.
- A further 6 respondents commented that there should be **more than 14 councillors**.

| Insight | Total | In support of proposal | Not in support of proposal |
|---|-------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Supported the Proposal to Increase to 14 | 143 | 127 | 16 |
| There should be only 12 Councillors Total / Retain Status Quo | 115 | 8 | 107 |
| There is More Than Enough Already / 12 is Too Many | 32 | 1 | 31 |
| This Proposal is Not Enough / 14 is Too Few | 6 | 1 | 5 |

There was also commentary in relation to the cost and impact of additional councillors.

- 52 comments were on the cost of adding more councillors, and the majority (83%) of these respondents did not support the initial proposal.
- 27 respondents commented that additional councillors would hinder Council's decision-making and the majority (70%) of these respondents did not support the initial proposal.

"Keep the number of councilors as present. My rates have doubled in 10 years, I am a pensioner and can't afford the continuing increases."

"I disagree with additional councillors. Leave it as it is. It is an unnecessary additional cost." (sic)

"Given the inability of the council to keep rates reasonable and spending that is out of control of firvalous and unnecessary expenditure the additional cost is not warranted for a start. Also over-representation leads to slower decision making." (sic)

"I dont think adding an additional 2 councilors to Council will provide better representation to the community its likely to hinder decision making around the board room." (sic)

| Insight | Total | In support of proposal | Not in support of proposal |
|--|-------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Concerned Additional Councillors Will Cost More | 52 | 9 | 43 |
| Concerned Additional Councillors Will Make Reaching Decisions Harder | 27 | 8 | 19 |

Arrangement of Maaori seats:

In this consultation Council was seeking feedback on how the proposal for two Maaori wards to be elected citywide. From the 89 comments on how Maaori seats should be elected, the following insights have been identified:

- 41 comments were in support of the initial proposal that the two Maaori wards should be elected city-wide and the majority (65%) of these respondents supported the initial proposal.
- 11 comments supported Maaori wards being split into East and West wards.
- 37 comments suggested the initial proposal of two Maaori citywide councillors of a total of 14 councillors would not give enough representation to Maaori.
- For both of the latter insights, the majority of the respondents were not in support of the initial proposal.

“Please consider keeping the number of councillors at 12, with two of those being Māori councillors. This means that there is more Māori representation within the group, allowing Māori voices to be heard. This would result in 12 councillors in total (two councillors representing Māori) plus the Mayor.”

“I believe that reducing the number of councillors in each ward and adding the Māori councillors (keeping council at 12) makes more sense. This also gives a better representation to Māori (2/12 instead of 2/14). Then we can work in the future to increasing the number of Māori councillors.” (sic)

| Insight | Total | In support of proposal | Not in support of proposal |
|---|-------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Maaori Wards Should be Implemented City-Wide | 41 | 27 | 14 |
| Maaori Wards Should be Split into East and West | 11 | 2 | 9 |
| Maaori Need More Representation than this current proposal allows | 37 | 8 | 29 |

Introduction of Maaori Wards

The introduction of Maaori ward seats was mentioned heavily in the comments even though this consultation was not asking about the establishment of Maaori seats.

Through the 298 comments on Maaori wards, there were 198 (66%) comments in support of Maaori wards and 100 (34%) comments opposed to Maaori wards. Of the comments opposed to Maaori wards 95 of the respondents selected not to support the initial proposal.

| Insight | Total | In support of initial proposal | Not in support of initial proposal |
|----------------------|-------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Support Maaori Wards | 198 | 112 | 86 |
| Oppose Maaori Wards | 100 | 95 | 5 |

Community boards:

From the 43 comments made by the submitters on community boards, the following insights have been identified:

- 27 comments supported the implementation of community boards.
- 16 comments that explicitly stated they agreed with the decision not to implement community boards.

- The respondents who made community board comments were split with 42% supporting the initial proposal and 58% not in support of the initial proposal.

| Insight | Total | In support of initial proposal | Not in support of initial proposal |
|--|-------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Community Boards Should Be Implemented | 27 | 10 | 17 |
| Community Boards Should Not Be Implemented | 16 | 8 | 8 |

Demographic Insights

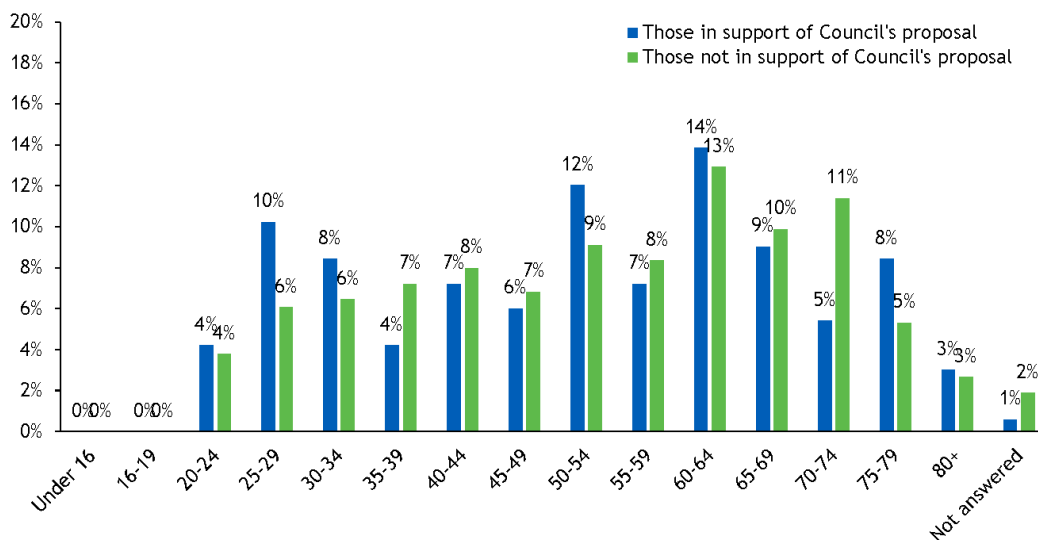
Those who were in support of council's initial proposal:

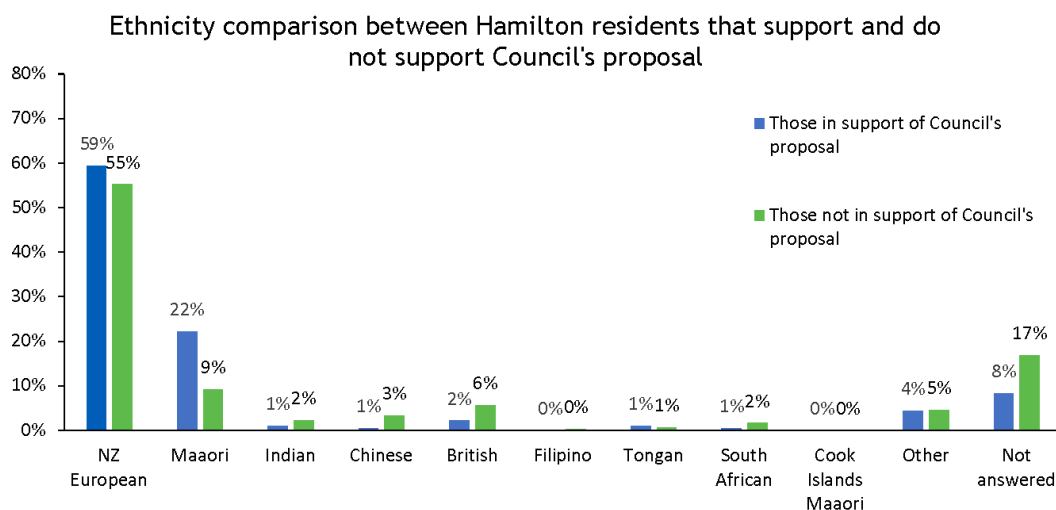
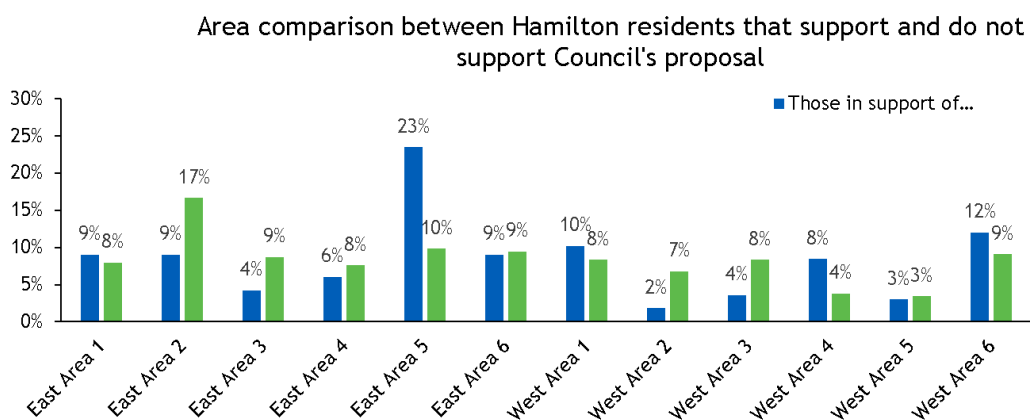
- Respondents aged 25-29, 50-54, and 75-79 years were more likely to support Council's proposal.
- Respondents from East Area 5 (residents of Claudelands, Hamilton East, and Peachgrove) and West Area 4 (Frankton, Maeroa, and Swarbrick) were more likely to support Council's proposal.
- Respondents who identified as Maaori were more likely to support Council's proposal.

Those who did not support Council's initial proposal:

- Respondents aged 70-74 were less likely to support council's initial proposal.
- Respondents from East Area 2 (residents of Chartwell, Chedworth, Harrowfield and Queenwood) were less likely to support council's initial proposal.

Age comparison between Hamilton residents that support and do support Council's proposal





Comparisons between Respondents in the East and West

We had 259 respondents from the East Ward making up 60% of Hamilton resident respondents, and 170 from the West Ward (40% of Hamilton resident respondents).

We had a total of 259 respondents from the East ward

- 101 East ward respondents (39%) supported the proposal
- 68 East ward respondents (26%) supported retaining the East and West ward boundaries
- 32 East ward respondents (12%) in support of all general councillors being elected citywide
- 23 East ward respondents (9%) were in support of Maaori wards being implemented citywide
- 4 East ward respondents (2%) were supported Maaori wards being split by East and West
- 26 East ward respondents (10%) suggested the initial proposal of two Maaori citywide councillors of a total of 14 councillors would not give enough representation to Maaori

- 86 East ward respondents (33%) were in support of the proposal to increase the total number of councillors to 14
- 65 East ward respondents (25%) were in support of retaining the status quo of 12 councillors. The majority of these selected to not support the initial proposal.

We had a total of 170 respondents from the West ward

- 65 West ward respondents (38%) supported the proposal
- 37 West ward respondents (22%) supported retaining the East and West ward boundaries
- 25 West ward respondents (15%) in support of all general councillors being elected citywide
- 18 West ward respondents (11%) were in support of Maaori wards being implemented citywide
- 7 West ward respondents (4%) were supported Maaori wards being split by East and West
- 11 West ward respondents (6%) suggested the initial proposal of two Maaori citywide councillors of a total of 14 councillors would not give enough representation to Maaori
- 57 West ward respondents (34%) were in support of the proposal to increase the total number of councillors to 14
- 50 West ward respondents (29%) were in support of retaining the status quo of 12 councillors. The majority of these selected to not support the initial proposal.

Insights:

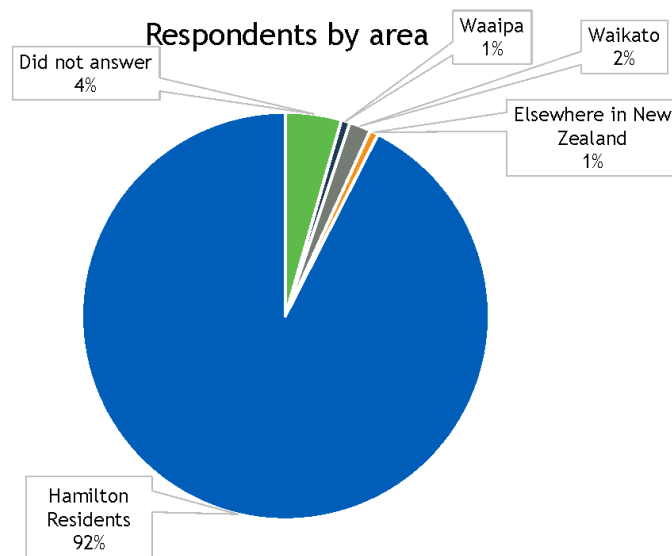
- Higher number of respondents from Hamilton's East wards.
- East ward residents had a higher preference for retaining the East and West ward boundaries compared to west ward residents.
- Higher number of East ward residents suggested that the initial proposal of two Maaori citywide councillors of a total of 14 councillors would not give enough representation to Maaori

| Insight | East | West |
|---|------|------|
| In support of Council's Overall Proposal | 101 | 65 |
| Ward Boundaries | | |
| Retain East and West Ward Boundaries for General Councillors | 68 | 37 |
| All General Councillors Should be Elected At-Large/ City-Wide | 32 | 25 |
| Maaori Wards Implementation | | |
| Maaori Wards Should be Implemented City-Wide | 23 | 18 |
| Maaori Wards Should be Split into East and West | 4 | 7 |
| Maaori Need More Representation than this Current Proposal Allows | 26 | 11 |
| Number of Councillors | | |
| Happy with the proposal To Increase to 14 | 86 | 57 |
| There should be only 12 Councillors Total / Retain Status Quo | 65 | 50 |

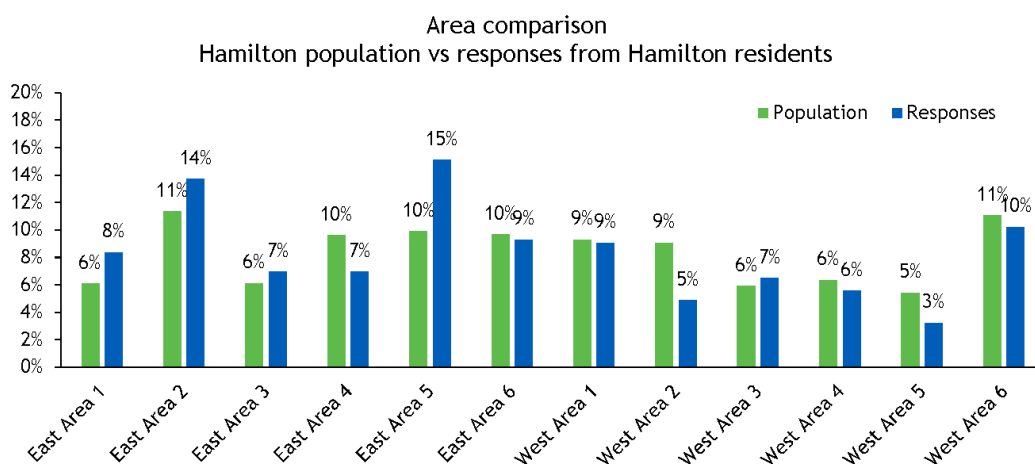
DEMOGRAPHIC COMPARISON OF RESPONSES FROM ALL INDIVIDUAL RESPONDENTS

RESPONDENTS BY LOCATION

Majority of the respondents were from Hamilton (92%) with a small number of respondents from Waaipa (1%), Waikato (2%), and elsewhere in New Zealand (1%). The remaining 4% did not answer this question. Analysis only included Hamilton residents.



From Hamilton residents, as mentioned previously we had a greater number of respondents from Hamilton's east suburbs (259 respondents) compared to Hamilton's west (170 respondents). Overall, we had a high representation from East Area 5, and low representation from West Area 2.



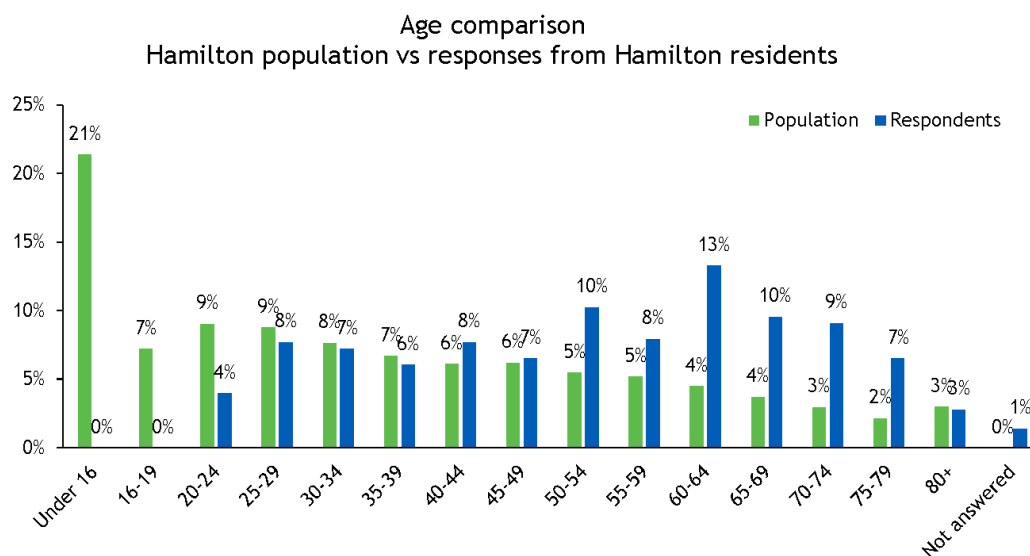
*Hamilton city profile statistics are from the 2018 Census published by Stats NZ.

See table below for a list of suburbs in these community profile areas.

| Community Profile Area | List of suburbs |
|------------------------|--|
| East Area 1 | Flagstaff |
| East Area 2 | Callum Brae, Huntington, Rototuna, Rototuna North |
| East Area 3 | Chartwell, Chedworth, Harrowfield, Queenwood |
| East Area 4 | Enderley, Fairfield, Fairview Downs |
| East Area 5 | Claudlands, Hamilton East, Peachgrove |
| East Area 6 | Hillcrest, Ruakura, Riverlea, Silverdale |
| West Area 1 | Avalon, Beerescourt, Forest Lake, Northgate, Pukete, St Andrews, Te Rapa |
| West Area 2 | Crawshaw, Grandview Heights, Nawton, Rotokauri, Western Heights |
| West Area 3 | Aberdeen, Dinsdale, Temple view |
| West Area 4 | Frankton, Maeroa, Swarbrick |
| West Area 5 | Hamilton Central, Hamilton Lake, Hospital, Whitiara |
| West Area 6 | Bader, Deanwell, Fitzroy, Glenview, Melville, Peacocke |

RESPONDENTS VS HAMILTON CITY PROFILE*- AGE GROUP

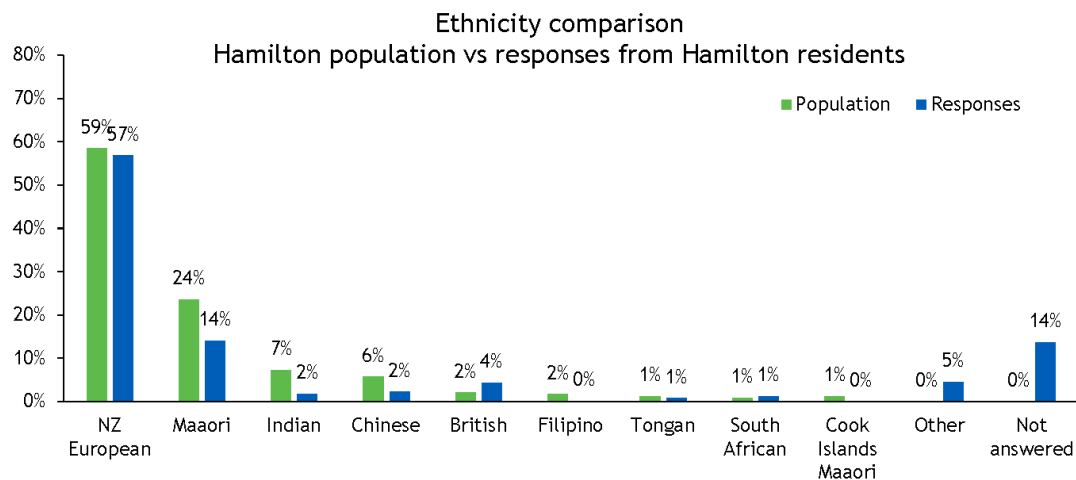
We had no respondents that were under 20 years of age. We had a low representation from those aged 20-24. We had a high representation from those aged 50-54, and 60-79.



*Hamilton city profile statistics are from the 2018 Census published by Stats NZ.

RESPONDENTS VS HAMILTON CITY PROFILE*-ETHNIC GROUP

We had a high representation from NZ European and British ethnic groups and low representation from Maaori, Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Tongan and Cook Islander Maaori.



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Not answered includes New Zealander/Kiwi

FEEDBACK FROM SOCIAL MEDIA

Through the 147 comments made by the public on social media posts; 115 were deemed not to be relevant (comments on issues unrelated to the Representation Review), therefore from 32 relevant comments, the following insights have been identified:

- 15 comments referenced that they did not support Maaori wards being implemented.
- Seven comments were in support of councillor numbers being further reduced (e.g. below 12).
- Two comments supported that Maaori ward councillors being included in the existing 12 councillors.

FEEDBACK FROM ORGANISATIONS

| Organisation | Support? | Summary of Comments |
|-----------------------------|----------|---|
| Hopkins Enterprises | No | Opposes the introduction of Maaori wards. |
| Letford & Letford | Yes | Believes 14 councillors is necessary given the growth of Hamilton. Would like to see the East and West boundaries retained. |
| Ngati Mahanga | No | Promotes a peaceful co-existence of Paakehaa and the Maaori, as that was one of the earliest promises made. |
| NZ China Friendship Society | Yes | Believes 14 councillors is necessary given the growth of Hamilton. |
| Ourwayz Solutionz | Yes | Believes Council's proposal is fair. |

| Organisation | Support? | Summary of Comments |
|----------------------------------|----------|---|
| Refugee Orientation Centre Trust | Yes | Supports all aspects of Council's initial proposal. Believes keeping the existing East and West boundaries would be good to keep electioneering costs low, and good for residents to know who to approach. Believes Maaori wants should be implemented citywide, as this is a more unified and respects the wishes of Maaori. Believes Mayor should be elected at-large. Community boards are not necessary, as communities can already get their voices heard through other avenues. |
| Smart tech solutions | No | Believes Maaori already have enough representation, don't want it to increase further. |
| taongaUku | No | Does not support Council's proposal. Believes the proposal of Council to implement two Maaori wards, elected citywide would not lead to adequate Maaori representation. Questions whether Maaori were involved in designing the initial proposal and whether this proposal genuinely represents the wishes of Maaori. Believes Maaori should have more representation and consultation in all levels of decision-making through Council. |
| Te Rautini Trust | Yes | Supports Council's proposal but believes that in honouring of Article 1 of Te Tiriti around Kawanatanga (stating that Paakehaa would be governed by the crown, protecting Maaori from Paakehaa settlers) Maaori wards should make up 50% of the council. Believes the proposal is a good start but it does not achieve covenantal integrity. Maaori are not adequately represented by Council's proposal of the implementation of two Maaori citywide councillors. |

WHAT'S NEXT

Public hearings will be held by Council on 13 October for those who wish to make a verbal submission. Council will then make a final decision on 11 November.