

Council Briefing Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 13 October, 2020
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chamber
Forum North, Rust Avenue
Whangarei

In Attendance

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai
(Chairperson)
Cr Gavin Benney
Cr Vince Cocurullo
Cr Nicholas Connop
Cr Ken Couper
Cr Tricia Cutforth
Cr Shelley Deeming
Cr Phil Halse
Cr Greg Innes
Cr Greg Martin
Cr Anna Murphy
Cr Carol Peters
Cr Simon Reid

Not in Attendance Cr Jayne Golightly

Scribe N. Pestana (Team Leader, Democracy)

Her Worship the Mayor facilitated the briefing.

1. Apologies

Cr Jayne Golightly.

2. Reports

2.1 2022 Elections – Māori Representation

Council's Electoral Officer, Dale Ofsoke ran through the presentation with Elected Members.

Elected Member questions and discussion

- *If Council resolves to hold a poll on the establishment of Māori wards, and the poll is lost, would that apply for the following two election cycles? Dale Ofsoke –*

legislation provides that the outcome of a poll is binding for two triennium elections.

- *Could a poll on the establishment of Māori wards be combined with a poll on the electoral system?* Dale Ofsoske - this can be done, as long as this is within the timeframes.
- *If Council resolves not to establish Māori wards and the public raises a poll, would this overturn Council's decision?* Dale Ofsoske confirmed this would be the case.
- *If two Māori wards were established, how would the other positions be redistributed?* Dale Ofsoske - if Council resolved to implement Māori wards for the 2022 / 2025 triennium elections, a representation review would be triggered where representation could be considered *in toto*.
- *Are there good examples of how options have been put out to communities?* Dale Ofsoske - Council must be neutral and factual in getting information out to communities, information is approved by the DIA first to avoid a look of bias.

3. Closure of Meeting

The briefing closed at 13.36.