

Representation Review 2021

Whangarei District Council

Briefing – initial proposal

1 June 2021

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Objectives

1. To present options following the feedback from discussions and briefings by elected members and Te Kārearea members
- To identify the initial proposal for adoption at the 24 June meeting, including:
 - total number of councillors
 - number and names of wards
 - confirmation of boundary changes and population numbers

‘Representation arrangements are to be determined so as to provide fair and effective representation for individuals and communities’ (LGC)

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Brief Background

- FPP electoral system retained for 2022
- Māori wards to be established for 2022 and 2025
- Representation review now required 2021

How it works

- Prescribed formal process in LEA
- Complex process, need to get it right
 - legal compliance
 - documentation
 - community consultation
- Formal process 1 March 2021 - 20 December 2021

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The numbers used to confirm number of General and Māori ward councilors, in all options, are provided by Stats NZ and the formula is detailed in the LEA.

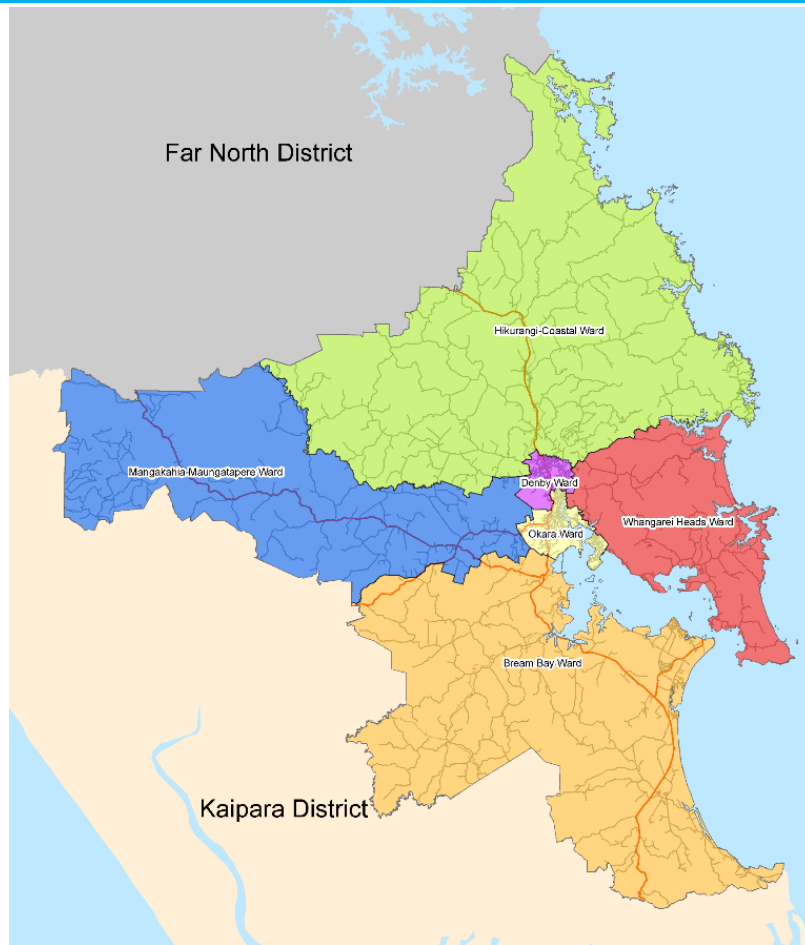
The numbers from Stats NZ:

General Electoral Roll= 79,600

Maori Electoral Roll = 18, 800

Total Population = 98,400

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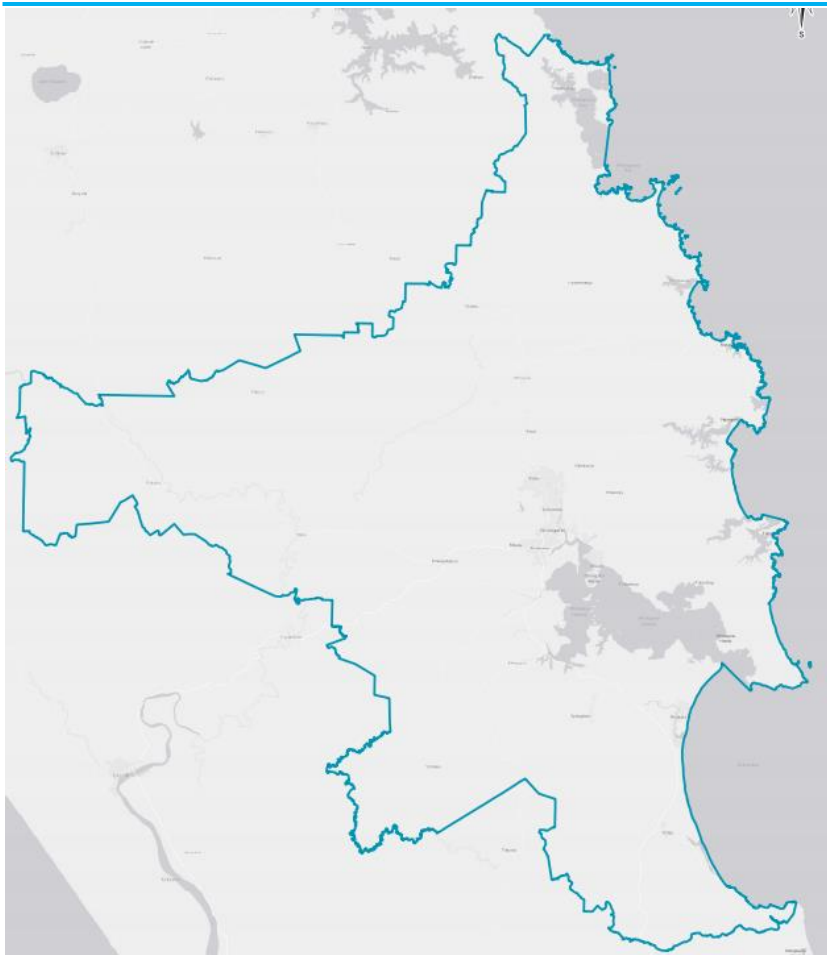


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Current representation

- mayor: elected district-wide
- 13 councillors elected from 6 wards
 - Bream Bay Ward: 2 councillors
 - Denby Ward: 3 councillors
 - Hikurangi-Coastal Ward: 2 councillors
 - Mangakahia-Maungatapere Ward: 1 councillor
 - Okara Ward: 4 councillors
 - Whangarei Heads Ward: 1 councillor
- no community boards

Representation Review 2021 – Māori Ward



Options for Māori ward/s

- One district-wide ward (shown)
- or
- Two wards

Te Kārearea and Te Huinga feedback supports **one** ward across the district.

Representation Review 2021 – Options Discussed

| | General Councillors | Māori Councillors | General Wards | Māori Wards | Ward outline (and councillor numbers) | Outcome |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|--|--|
| Option 1 10 councillors | 8 | 2 | 3 | 1-2 | North General (2) South General (2) Urban General (4) Māori (2) | Compliant with +/- 10% rule |
| Option 2 12 councillors | 10 | 2 | 5 | 1-2 | Whangarei Urban General (5) Bream Bay General (1) Hikurangi-Coastal General (1) Mangakahia-Maungatapere General (2) Whangarei Heads General (1) Māori (2) | Compliant with +/- 10% rule. |
| Option 3 12 councillors | 10 | 2 | 4 | 1-2 | Whangarei Urban General (5) North Coastal General (1) South Coastal General (2) Whangarei Rural General (2) Māori (2) | Compliant with +/- 10% rule |
| Option 4 13 councillors | 11 | 2 | 6 | 1-2 | Bream Bay General (2) Denby General (2) Hikurangi-Coastal General (2) Mangakahia-Maungatapere General (1) Okara General (3) Whangarei Heads General (1) Māori (2) | Three of six wards non-compliant. Would need further work/adjustment |
| Option 5 12 councillors | 10 | 2 | 1 | 1 | Whangarei General (10) (district-wide) Māori (2) district-wide | District-wide wards do not need to comply with +/- 10% rule |

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Councillor feedback (from 12 May briefing)

- Options 1-5 presented
- Summary indications:
 - 1st preference Option 2 = 11
 - 2nd preference Option 2 = 3
 - 1st preference Option 4 = 4
 - 2nd preference Option 4 = 7
 - 2nd preference Option 3 = 4
 - Community boards evenly split

Te Kārearea feedback:

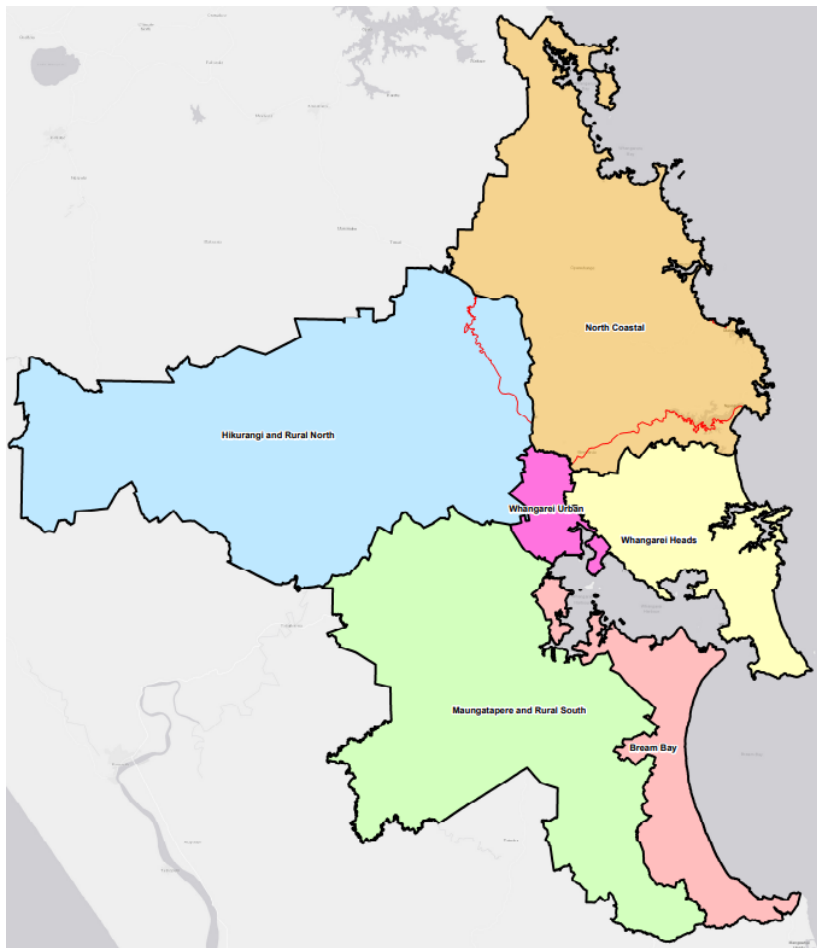
- Collective preference Option 5, with 8 Councilors

Option 2 overall preference (with tweaks)

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- Option 2 suggested tweaks:
 - Split Mangakahia-Maungatapere into rural north and south
 - Add Onerahi into Whangarei Heads
 - Hikurangi into Rural North
 - Look at 13 councillors in total
 - Adjust boundaries for Ruakaka and Hikurangi
 - Adjust large rural ward into two
 - Add extra ward

Representation Review 2021 – Option 2 Adjusted



- Mayor: elected district-wide
- 12 councillors
 - 10 general councillors elected from 6 general wards:
 - North Coastal General (1)
 - Whangarei Heads General (1)
 - Whangarei Urban General (5)
 - Bream Bay General (1)
 - Hikurangi and Rural North General (1)
 - Maungatapere and Rural South General (1)
 - 2 Māori councillors elected from 1 Māori ward

Representation Review 2021 –Option 2 - summary

- Option 2, with suggested changes:
 - 12 councillors - 10 general councillors, 2 Māori councillors
 - 6 general wards, 1 Māori wards
 - 79,600/10 general members = 7,960 +/- 10% = 7,164 – 8,756

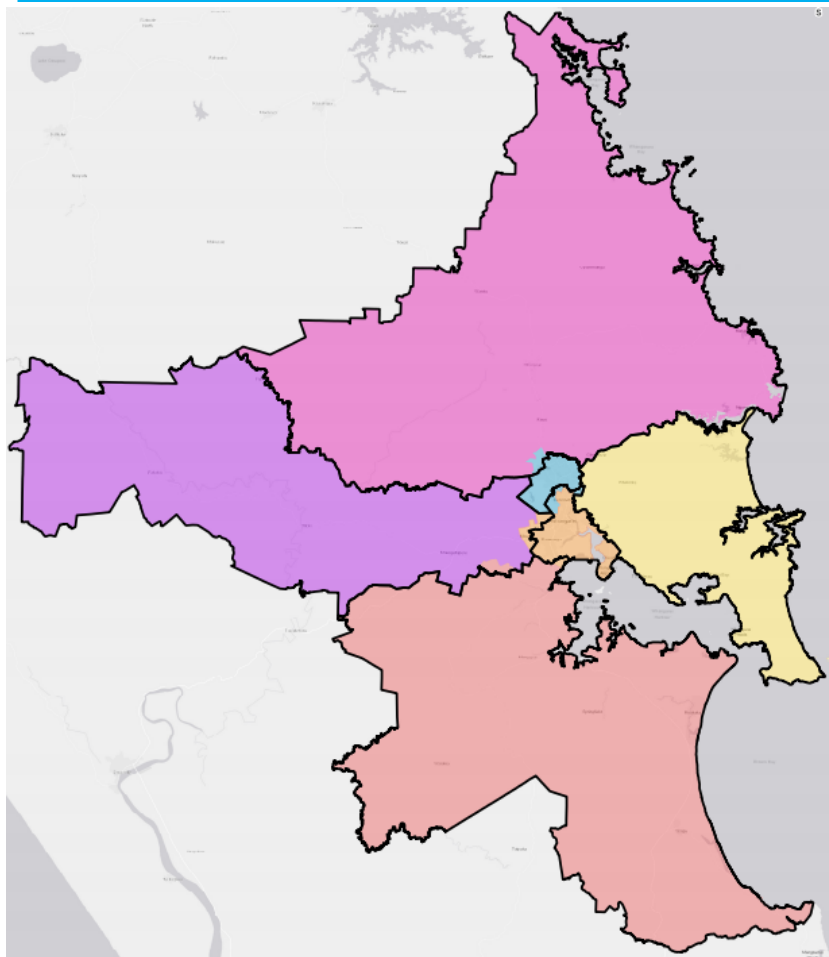
| Option 2 2020 figures | Ward | Population estimate | <u>Councillors</u> | Average | % Variation | Fits Rule |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------|---|
| | North Coastal - General | 6880 | 1 | 6880 | -14 % | No, but this is a clear community of interest |
| | Whangarei Heads - General | 6290 | 1 | 6290 | -21% | No, but this is a clear community of interest |
| | Hikurangi and Rural North – General | 8110 | 1 | 8110 | 2% | Yes |
| | <u>Maungatapere</u> and Rural South - General | 8710 | 1 | 8710 | 9% | Yes |
| | Bream Bay – General | 8470 | 1 | 8470 | 6% | Yes |
| | Whangarei Urban – General | 41100 | 5 | 8220 | 3% | Yes |

- Two wards not compliant with +/- 10% rule

Representation Review 2021 Option 2 - Discussion

- Retains wards
- Creates new ward names to align to communities
- Reduces councillor numbers (12), providing for uneven EM number (13)
- Groups like communities of interest
- Assumption that wards cover communities of interest so doesn't require community boards
- Two wards not meet +/- 10 % rule (North Coastal [-14%], Whangarei Heads [-21%]) but to comply would split communities
- Would create automatic review by LGC, but this is likely regardless as any submission will trigger a LGC review.

Representation Review 2021 - Option 4 Adjusted



- Mayor: elected district-wide
- 13 councillors
 - 11 general councillors elected from 6 general wards
 - Bream Bay General (2)
 - Denby General (2)
 - Hikurangi-Coastal General (2)
 - Mangakahia-Maungatapere General (1)
 - Okara General (3)
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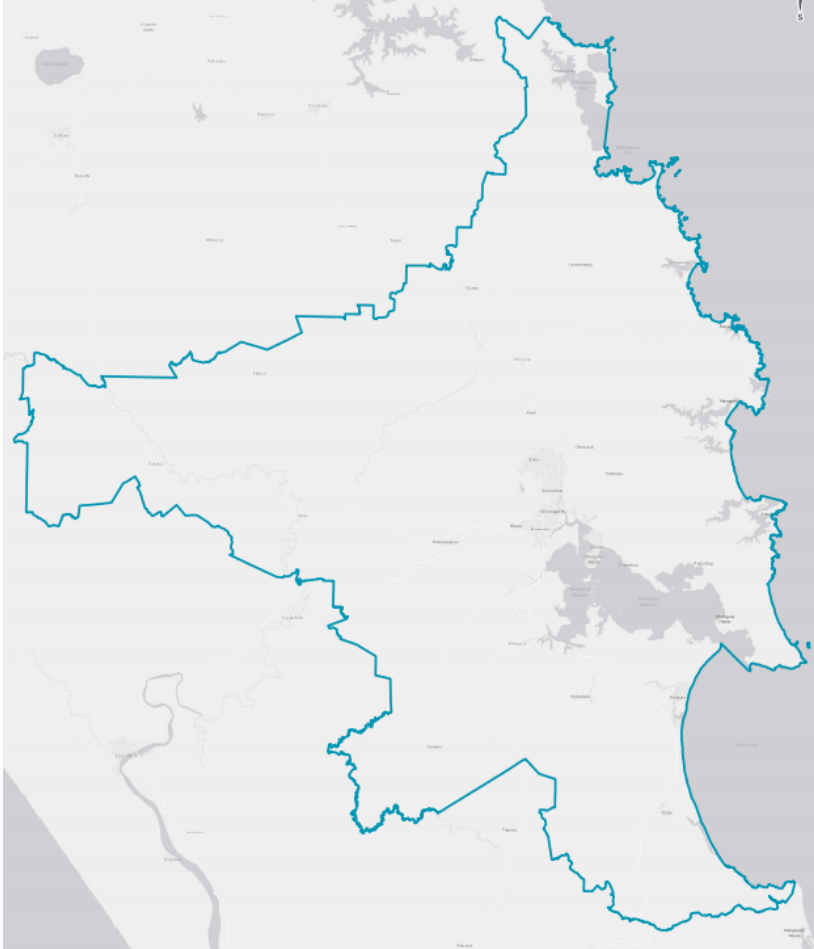
Representation Review 2021- Option 4 - Summary

- Option 4:
 - 13 councillors - 11 general councillors, 2 Māori councillors
 - 6 general wards, 1 Māori ward
 - 79,600/11 general members = 7,236 +/- 10% = 6,512 – 7,959

| Option 4 2020 figures | Ward | Population estimate | <u>Councillors</u> | Average | % Variation | Fits Rule |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------|-----------|
| | Hikurangi -Coastal | 13400 | 2 | 6700 | -7.4% | Yes |
| | Whangarei Heads - General | 7170 | 1 | 7170 | -0.9% | Yes |
| | <u>Mangakahia - Maungatapere</u> | 7560 | 1 | 7560 | 4.5% | Yes |
| | <u>Denby</u> - General | 14300 | 2 | 7150 | -1.2% | Yes |
| | Bream Bay – General | 13300 | 2 | 6650 | -8.1% | Yes |
| | <u>Okara</u> – General | 23800 | 3 | 7933 | 9.6% | Yes |

Compliant with +/- 10% but splits communities of interest in Okara and Denby

Representation Review 2021 - Option 5 Adjusted



Reduce councillor numbers to 8, one general ward and one Māori ward

- Mayor: elected district-wide
- 8 councillors
 - 6 general councillors elected from 1 district-wide general ward
 - 2 Māori councillors elected from 1 district-wide Māori ward
- with/without community boards

Representation Review 2021-Option 5 - Summary

- Option 5:
 - 8 general councillors, 2 Māori councillors
 - 1 general ward (district-wide)
 - 1 Māori ward (district-wide)
 - +/- 10% rule not applicable

Representation Review 2021 Option 5 - Discussion

- Two ward structure (1 general district-wide and 1 Māori district-wide)
- Removes current wards and names
- Reduces councillor numbers significantly (13 to 8)
- May require establishment of community boards as communities of interest are not represented
- +/- 10 % rule does not apply for district wide general or Māori wards

Representation Review 2021 – to date

Timetable

- ~~Council and Te Kārearea Briefing on representation review (4 March)~~
- ~~Te Kārearea hui (17 March)~~
- ~~Council briefing identifying options (1 April)~~
- ~~Council and Te Kārearea Facilitated Options Briefing 1 (12 May)~~
- ~~Te Kārearea Facilitated Options Briefing 1 (19 May)~~
- ~~Te Huinga hui (27 May)~~
- Council and Te Kārearea Briefing – Identification of initial proposal (1 June)
- Council Meeting – Initial proposal resolution (24 June)

Representation Review 2021 – next phase

- Initial proposal public notice (30 June)
- Public submission period (30 June-30 July)
- Hearings (16-17 August)
- Council Meeting– final proposal deliberations (31 August)
- Council Meeting – final proposal resolution (7 September)
- final proposal public notice (10 September)
- public appeal/objection period (10 September – 11 October)
- basis of election public notice (20 October) *or*
- forward material to LGC (November)
- LGC determination (by 10 April 2022)

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- Next steps
 - Take preferred option from this session
 - Finalise the initial proposal for adoption at the 24 June meeting
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 - confirmation of boundary changes and population numbers

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