

Discussion Notes**Date:** 09 October 2018**Subject:** Representation Review 2018**Time:** 10.06am—11.29am**Present:** Mayor Jason Smith, Deputy Mayor Peter Wethey, Councillor Anna Curnow, Councillor Victoria del la Varis-Woodcock, Councillor Julie Geange (via audio link), Councillor Libby Jones, Councillor Karen Joyce-Paki, Councillor Jonathan Larsen, Louise Miller, Dale Ofsoske, Jason Marris, Ben Hope, Lisa Hong

This discussion was held during the adjournment of the Extraordinary Council meeting held 09 October 2018. The purpose of this session was to improve the understanding of the options provided in the staff report, emanating from the previous Council briefing. No decision was made and the meeting was open to the public; however, no members of the public attended.

Dale Ofsoske gave a verbal overview of the Representation Review 2018 process to date, and answered questions on:

- The process so far (Council Briefings, Initial Proposal adopted by Council, submissions)
- The process ahead (Final Proposal, objections and appeals, next possible review in 2021 or 2024)
- Three key principles of communities of interest, effective representation and fair representation
- Census data and population changes
- Elected Member remuneration.

Elected Members discussed:

- Census 2018 and population changes
- Resident and non-resident populations, and their impact on voter registration and turnout
- Urban vs. rural development, including lifestyle blocks
- Growing population that commute to Auckland
- Communities of interest and their possible geographical boundaries, including possible grouping of disparate communities of interest and splitting of existing communities of interest
- Communities with shared history and historical ward boundaries (Otamatea Ward in particular)
- East/West divide and fair representation
- Urban/rural divide, and the concept of “service towns” (Dargaville in particular) and possible over- or under-representation of urban interests
- Possible additional councillor and impact on rates.

09 October 2018**Lisa Hong**