



**AGENDA FOR THE
ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
REPRESENTATION REVIEW
COMMITTEE**

**TO BE HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
2 NORMAN KIRK DRIVE,
ROLLESTON**

WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2021

COMMENCING AT 9.30AM

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REPRESENTATION REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE
TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL, ROLLESTON
ON WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2021 COMMENCING AT 9.30AM**

MEMBERS

Mayor S T Broughton, Councillors M A Alexander (Chair), S Epiha, J A Gallagher and G S F Miller, and Mr J B Morten (Malvern Community Board Chair)

KARAKIA

APOLOGIES

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Representation Review Subcommittee held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday 27 January 2021 (Pages 3 - 4)

Recommendation:

‘That the Representation Review Committee confirm the minutes of its Meeting held on 27 January 2021, as circulated.’

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Minister of Local Government (Pages 5 - 6)

Recommendation:

‘That the Representation Review Subcommittee receive the correspondence for information.’

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
REPRESENTATION REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL, ROLLESTON
ON WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY 2021 COMMENCING AT 3.01PM**

PRESENT

Mayor S T Broughton, Councillors M A Alexander (Chair), J A Gallagher and G S F Miller, and Mr J B Morten (Malvern Community Board Chair)

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs D Ward (Chief Executive), S Hill (Group Manager Communication and Customers, Deputy Electoral Officer), M Staite (Miro Business Services Ltd); Mrs N Smith (Executive Assistant); and Ms T Davel (Governance Coordinator)

KARAKIA

The Chair opened the meeting, welcoming everyone present and on-line.

Mayor Broughton opened with karakia.

APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Councillor S Epiha.

Moved – Mayor Broughton / **Seconded** – Councillor Alexander

‘That the Representation Review Committee receives the apology from Councillor Epiha.’

CARRIED

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Representation Review Subcommittee held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday 9 December 2020

Moved – Councillor Miller / **Seconded** – Mayor Broughton

'That the Representation Review Committee confirm the minutes of its Meeting held on 9 December 2020, as circulated.'

CARRIED

REPORTS

1. Deputy Electoral Officer

Representation Review Timeline and Work Programme

Mr Hill presented his report noting several key milestones. He told the Subcommittee that there was a reasonably tight timeframe within which to do the work. Having an additional meeting on 10 February will be helpful and during today's workshop, following the formal meeting, the Subcommittee will have an opportunity for an initial discussion on a range of options.

The Subcommittee discussed the format of preliminary consultation, being either online or physical meetings. They acknowledged that the community may have consultation fatigue. The options going out for preliminary consultation will be suggested options, not formalised proposals. During pre-consultation it should become clear what communities want and gauge their level of engagement.

Moved – Mayor Broughton / **Seconded** – Councillor Gallagher

'That the Representation Review Subcommittee:

(a) receive the report for information; and

(b) approve the draft timeline for the representation review process in 2021'

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

The meeting closed at 3.10pm

DATED this day of 2021

CHAIRPERSON

Office of Hon Nanaia Mahuta

MP for Hauraki-Waikato

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Minister of Local Government

Associate Minister for Māori Development



1 February 2021

Sam Broughton
Mayor
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Tēnā koe Sam

Tēnā rawa atu koe ki i runga i o tātou tini aitua kua wheturangitia. Kei te mihi atu, kei te tangi atu. Rātou te hunga mate ki a rātou, tātou te hunga ora ki a tātou. Tēnā ano tātou katoa.

I am writing to update you on the recent Government decision to make changes to the process for local authorities to establish Māori wards.

As you may know, concerns have been raised for some time about the existing process for the establishment of Māori wards and constituencies in local authorities. In particular, there are issues with the inconsistent process for establishing Māori and general wards, the way the process creates barriers for councils seeking to establish effective Māori representation, and the negative impact of elector-initiated polls on communities.

As I signalled last year, I am planning to introduce a Bill to remove the binding poll option from the process for establishing Māori wards and constituencies (including both council-initiated and elector-demanded polls). The Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill (the Bill) will be introduced into Parliament in early February 2021 and enacted under urgency so that the changes can apply for decisions leading up to the 2022 local elections.

All councils that do not already have Māori wards or constituencies in place will have the opportunity to consider establishing these for the 2022 local elections. Any resolution to do this would need to be made by 21 May 2021. However, I acknowledge that the formula in the Local Electoral Act 2001 for calculating the number of Māori and general members means this will not be a feasible option for some councils to consider.

The changes to Māori ward and constituency processes in the Bill are an immediate step to support decision-making for the 2022 local elections. Once the Bill is enacted, I intend to make further improvements to the processes for the 2025 and subsequent local elections. My officials at the Department of Internal Affairs will be undertaking work on this, including consultation with the local government sector and iwi/ Māori, over the coming months.

Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss the proposed changes. Alternatively, if you have specific questions about the Bill or the timelines, I encourage you to contact Amanda Shaw, Principal Policy Analyst at the Department of Internal Affairs by emailing amanda.shaw@dia.govt.nz or by phoning 04 494 5774.

Heoi anō

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. C. Mahuta', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Minister of Local Government

cc, Chief Executive, Selwyn District Council