

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE  
REPRESENTATION REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL, ROLLESTON  
ON WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2021 COMMENCING AT 9.30AM**

**PRESENT**

Mayor S T Broughton, Councillors M A Alexander (Chair), S N O H Epiha J A Gallagher 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.

Councillor Epiha opened with karakia.

**APOLOGIES**

An apology was received from Councillor G Miller.

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

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

**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 27 January 2021

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

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

**CARRIED**

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Letter from Minister of Local Government

Councillor Epiha noted it was an opportune time to reflect on the letter from the Minister and asked for the letter to be read out aloud.

There was disagreement that the entire letter be read out, although the significant part of it referred to Government's intention to change legislation around the polling option to establish Maori wards. The Chair said that Council had a clear indication from iwi that there was no support for Maori wards. He said receiving the letter was correct and sufficient.

Councillor Epiha noted he supported the decision but felt Council should reflect on the letter and quoted the following from it:

*‘As you may know, concerns have been raised for some time about the existing process for the establishment of Maori wards and constituencies in local authorities.’*

Councillor Epiha said he suggested at the time that there be wider engagement and he received a mandate to do that. As a Council he thought there was a need to reflect on the treaty of Waitangi and the good intentions and that this should also be reflected in the Chambers.

The Mayor said there was already a workstream looking at exactly that, and that a copy of the Treaty is being purchased to put up in the Chambers. He was keen to have the Treaty in the Chambers as a key part of our history.

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

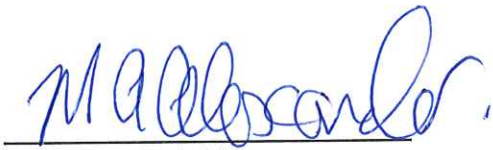
*‘That the Representation Review Subcommittee receive the correspondence for information.’*

**CARRIED**

## GENERAL BUSINESS

*The meeting closed at 9.42am*

DATED this 17 day of May 2021



**CHAIRPERSON**