

Waipā District Council

Initial proposal for representation arrangements for the 2025 local elections

On 30 July 2024 the Waipā District Council reviewed its representation arrangements, and resolved that the following proposal apply for the Council and its community boards for the elections to be held on 11 October 2025:

Council Representation

It is proposed that the Council comprise the mayor, elected at large, and eight members elected from four wards. The four wards reflect the following identified communities of interest:

Ward	Communities of interest
Cambridge General Ward	The urban areas of Cambridge and Leamington, and part of Karapiro
Te Awamutu and Kihikihi General Ward	The urban areas of Te Awamutu and Kihikihi
Waipā Rural General Ward	The rural areas surrounding the urban ward of Cambridge and the urban ward of Te Awamutu and Kihikihi
Waipā Māori Ward	Māori electoral population district-wide

The population that each member will represent is as follows:

Ward	Population (2018 census)	Members	Population per member
Cambridge General Ward	23,100	3	7,700
Te Awamutu and Kihikihi General Ward	15,300	2	7,650
Waipā Rural General Ward	17,500	2	8,750
Total General Wards	55,900	7	7,986
Waipā Māori Ward	5,340	1	
Total	61,240	8	

In accordance with *section 19V(2), Local Electoral Act 2001* the population that each General ward member represents falls within the range of 7,986 +/- 10% (7,188 to 8,784).

Community Board Representation

It is proposed that the following two community boards be elected:

Community Board	Area of Community
Cambridge Community Board	Cambridge and Leamington urban areas and part of Karapiro; and the rural areas surrounding the urban ward of Cambridge which look to the town as a service centre
Te Awamutu and Kihikihi Community Board	Te Awamutu and Kihikihi urban areas; and the rural areas surrounding the Te Awamutu and Kihikihi Ward which look to Te Awamutu as a service centre

Cambridge Community Board

The Cambridge Community Board will elect five members. Two members will be appointed to the Board from the Cambridge General Ward and/or the Waipā Rural General Ward.

The Cambridge Community Board will be subdivided for electoral purposes as follows:

Subdivision	Area of Subdivision
Cambridge Subdivision	The area of the proposed Cambridge General Ward comprising the urban areas of Cambridge and Leamington, and part of Karapiro
Maungatautari Subdivision	The rural areas surrounding the proposed Cambridge General Ward, which comprised the former Maungatautari General Ward, subject to the proposed boundary change in the Karapiro area.

The population that the members of each subdivision will represent is shown below:

Subdivision	Population (2018 census)	Members	Population per member
Cambridge Subdivision	24,300	4	6,075
Maungatautari Subdivision	5,390	1	5,390
Total	29,690	5	5,938

The population each member of the Cambridge Community Board represents falls within the range of 5,938 +/-10% (5,345 to 6,531) in accordance with *section 19V(2), Local Electoral Act*.

Te Awamutu and Kihikihi Community Board

The Te Awamutu and Kihikihi Community Board will elect five members. Two members will be appointed to the Board from the Te Awamutu and Kihikihi General Ward and/or the Waipā Rural General Ward.

The Te Awamutu and Kihikihi Community Board will have two subdivisions for electoral purposes as follows:

Subdivision	Area of Subdivision
Te Awamutu and Kihikihi Subdivision	The area of the Te Awamutu and Kihikihi General Ward comprising the urban areas of Te Awamutu and Kihikihi
Takepuku Subdivision	The rural areas surrounding the Te Awamutu and Kihikihi Ward which comprise the existing Takepuku Subdivision

The population that the members of each subdivision will represent is shown below:

Subdivision	Population (2018 census)	Members	Population per member
Te Awamutu and Kihikihi Subdivision	17,950	4	4,488
Takepuku Subdivision	4,580	1	4,580
Total	22,530	5	4,506

The population each member of the Te Awamutu and Kihikihi Community Board represents falls within the range of 4,506 +/- 10% (4,056 to 4,956) in accordance with *section 19V(2), Local Electoral Act*.

Further Information

Copies of the Council's resolution and maps setting out the areas of the proposed wards, communities and subdivisions may be viewed and obtained from the Council Offices:

- 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu
- 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge

Any queries regarding the Council's decision should be directed to Jo Gread, Manager Governance, 07 872 0080, jo.gread@waipadc.govt.nz

Relevant information is also available on the Council's website www.waipadc.govt.nz

Submissions are invited

Persons with an interest in the proposed representation arrangements are invited to make written submissions on the Council's representation proposal.

Submission forms and copies of the Statement of Proposal are available online at the Council's website: www.waipadc.govt.nz/haveyoursay or from Council Offices and Libraries or by phoning (07) 872 0030 and requesting a copy.

Submissions can be made:

- Online at: www.waipadc.govt.nz/representationreview
- By email to: submissions@waipadc.govt.nz (Subject: 2024 Representation Review – Submission)
- By post to: Waipā District Council, Attn: 2024 Representation Review – Submission, Private Bag 2402, Te Awamutu 3840
- Delivered to: Waipā District Council, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu OR 23 Wilson Street, Cambridge

Submissions must be received by Council no later than 5pm, Thursday 5 September 2024.



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2 August 2024