

Final representation arrangements for the 2025 local government elections

On 31 October 2024, Waipā District Council gave public notice of its final proposal for representation arrangements to apply for the Council and its Community Boards for the local government elections to be held on 11 October 2025. Notification of the right to appeal or object was also given. No appeals or objections were received in respect of the resolution, therefore the representation arrangements for the Waipā District Council's 2025 elections will be the same as in the final proposal:

Council Representation

It is proposed that the Council comprises a mayor elected at large, and 11 members elected from five wards reflecting the following identified communities of interest:

Ward	Communities of interest
Waipā Māori Ward	Māori electoral population district-wide
Cambridge General Ward	Urban areas of Cambridge and Leamington
Te Awamutu and Kihikihi General Ward	Urban areas of Te Awamutu and Kihikihi
Pirongia and Kakepuku General Ward	The rural areas surrounding the Te Awamutu and Kihikihi Ward which look to Te Awamutu as a service centre
Maungatautari General Ward	The rural areas surrounding the urban ward of Cambridge which look to the town as a service centre

The population that each member will represent is as follows:

Ward	Population Estimate (as at 30 June 2023)	Members	Population per member
Waipā Māori Ward	5,320	1	5,320
Cambridge General Ward	22,900	4	5,725
Te Awamutu and Kihikihi General Ward	15,350	3	5,117
Pirongia and Kakepuku General Ward	12,250	2	6,125
Maungatautari General Ward	5,350	1	5,350
Total	61,170	10	5,585

In accordance with *section 19V(2), Local Electoral Act 2001* the population that each member represents is within the range of 5,585+/- 10% (5,027 to 6,143).

Community Board Representation

It is proposed that two community boards be elected. The two community boards will be:

Community Board	Area of Community
Cambridge Community Board	Cambridge and Leamington urban areas, 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 have five elected members. Two members will also be appointed to the Board from either the Cambridge General Ward, the Maungatautari General Ward, and/or the Waipā Māori Ward.

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

Subdivision	Area of Subdivision
Cambridge Subdivision	Cambridge and Leamington urban areas
Maungatautari Subdivision	The rural areas surrounding the urban ward of Cambridge which look to the town as a service centre.

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

Subdivision	Population Estimate (as at 30 June 2023)	Members	Population per member
Cambridge Subdivision	24,170	4	6,043
Maungatautari Subdivision	5,590	1	5,590
Total	29,760	5	5,952

The population each member of the Cambridge Community Board represents falls within the range of 5,952 +/-10% (5,357 to 6,547) in accordance with section 19V(2), *Local Electoral Act*.

Te Awamutu and Kihikihi Community Board

The Te Awamutu and Kihikihi Community Board will have five elected members. Two members will also be appointed to the Board from the Te Awamutu and Kihikihi General Ward and/or the Pirongia and Kakepuku General Ward, and/or the Waipā Māori 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	Te Awamutu and Kihikihi urban areas
Kakepuku Subdivision	The rural areas surrounding the Te Awamutu and Kihikihi Ward which look to Te Awamutu as a service centre

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

Subdivision	Population Estimate (as at 30 June 2023)	Members	Population per member
Te Awamutu and Kihikihi Subdivision	18,040	4	4,510
Kakepuku Subdivision	4,470	1	4,470
Total	22,510	5	4,502

The population each member of the Te Awamutu and Kihikihi Community Board represents falls within the range of 4,502 +/-10% (4,052 – 4,952) in accordance with *section 19V(2), Local Electoral Act*.

Further information

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