



MINUTES

**Strategy, Finance and Risk
Committee Meeting
Monday, 21 June 2021**

Order of Business

1	Opening Karakia	3
2	Apologies	3
3	Public forum	3
4	Acceptance of late items	3
5	Confidential business to be transferred into the open.....	3
6	Change to order of business.....	3
7	Confirmation of Minutes	4
7.1	Open and Public Excluded Minutes of the Strategy, Finance and Risk Committee meeting held on 17 May 2021	4
8	Declaration of conflicts of interest	4
9	Business.....	4
9.1	Representation Review	4
10	Discussion of late items	6
11	Closing Karakia.....	6

**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
STRATEGY, FINANCE AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 91 WILLOW
STREET, TAURANGA
ON MONDAY, 21 JUNE 2021 AT 3PM**

PRESENT: Commission Chair Anne Tolley, Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston, Commissioner Stephen Selwood, Commissioner Bill Wasley, Dr Wayne Beilby, Mr Te Pio Kawe, Ms Rohario Murray, Mr Bruce Robertson (via video link) and Ms Matire Duncan

IN ATTENDANCE: Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Paul Davidson (General Manager: Corporate Services), Barbara Dempsey (General Manager: Regulatory & Compliance), Susan Jamieson (General Manager: People & Engagement), Carlo Ellis (Manager: Strategic Maori Engagement), Coral Hair (Manager: Democracy Services), Robyn Garrett (Team Leader: Committee Support), Raj Naidu (Committee Advisor) and Jenny Teeuwen (Committee Advisor)

1 OPENING KARAKIA

The opening karakia was performed by Commissioner Shadrach Rolleston at the morning Council meeting and included this meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

Nil

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Open and Public Excluded minutes of the Strategy, Finance and Risk Committee meeting held on 17 May 2021

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SFR2/21/1

Moved: Dr Wayne Beilby

Seconded: Ms Matire Duncan

That the Strategy, Finance and Risk Committee:

- (a) Confirms the open minutes of the Strategy, Finance and Risk Committee meeting held on 17 May 2021 as a true and correct record.
- (b) Confirms the public excluded minutes of the Strategy, Finance and Risk Committee meeting held on 17 May 2021 as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 BUSINESS

9.1 Representation Review

Staff Susan Jamieson, General Manager: People & Engagement
Coral Hair, Manager: Democracy Services
Carlo Ellis, Manager: Strategic Maori Engagement

External Warwick Lampp, Electoral Officer

A copy of the staff presentation for this item can be viewed on Tauranga City Council's website in the Minutes Attachments document for this council meeting.

Key points

- Three options were presented:
 - Option One – mixed model (wards and at large) – based on the status quo
 - Option Two – wards only model
 - Option Three – At large model
- All options had 12 councillors plus a mayor – 13 elected members in total.
- All options used Statistics New Zealand population estimates as at 30 June 2020.
- Compliance referred to the '+/-10% rule' which was designed to achieve approximate equality of population represented by each ward member of a council.
- Pre-engagement was scheduled to begin in July/August. Full public consultation would begin in September.

In response to questions and points of discussion

- Electors on the general roll would vote for the general wards. Electors on the Māori roll would vote for the Māori ward. With a Māori ward, there needed to also be at least one general ward.
- Election of the Mayor was by everybody and sat outside of the election for councillors.
- An even number of elected members could lock a vote and would be something for the committee to consider.

- Electors on the Māori roll would be able to vote for the one Māori councillor and also for all of the at large councillors, plus the mayor.
- Communities of interest was not defined under the Local Electoral Act 2001 (LEA).
- Wards elections used the Single Transferable Vote (STV) model.
- Ward boundary changes had been considered in terms of iwi and hapu boundaries.
- The Māori ward was based on the Māori electoral population, not how many were on the Māori electoral roll.
- Māori ward candidates faced the cost of running and representing the whole city. Under the legislation, there was no consideration of costs or resource support for Māori wards.
- A downside of at large wards was that those running for at large wards often also challenged for the mayoralty.
- If there were all at large wards, those candidates with the most resources were more likely to be successful in being elected.
- With wards only being responsibility for a particular area, there was the risk that only the views of that ward would be represented, and not the view of the whole city.
- Examples of where the mixed model was working well included Hutt City, Masterton, Kapiti and Napier. Issues within councils around the country was not necessarily related to the at large component e.g. Wellington had no at large component while Invercargill was entirely at large.
- Approximately 10-12 councils in the country had a mixed model or were at large entirely. The majority of councils had wards only.
- It was suggested that now was the time to reset to an only wards model.
- It was suggested that the Option Two ward model be modified and consideration be given to splitting wards further as per the example outlined below:
 - Mauao – split into three – Mauao, Omanu Beach and Arataki
 - Wairakei - one
 - Welcome Bay – two - split between Maungatapu and Welcome Bay
 - Tauriko - one
 - Otumoetai - split into 3 – Bethlehem, Judea/Brookfield and Matua/Otumoetai

This would result in 11 wards plus a Māori ward plus the Mayor – 13 in total. The downside to this model was that the city-wide view could be lost; however, the upside was there would be geographical communities of interest and this could also remove the need for community boards. With all electors either voting for one councillor or one Māori ward councillor, plus the mayor, everyone had the same opportunity.
- Another option offered was to have only six wards – five general and one Māori.
- It was suggested that the at large/mixed model had been more problematic for the city.
- The relevance and usefulness of STV would need to be considered if splitting up wards more, as STV was more effective with multi member wards; however, STV still worked well under a single vacancy scenario. Under the single vacancy scenario, to be elected, a candidate needed to get more than 50% of the vote; therefore, the person elected would have the mandate from more than half of those who had voted.
- Tauranga was required to stay with STV for the next election.
- For the last two electoral cycles there has been numerous candidates across the wards so it was expected that there would still be a number of candidates for each ward if they were split further.
- Mr Lampp, Electoral Officer, suggested that the single member wards model was a good option and worthy of consideration. He gave Christchurch as an example of where this was working well.
- It was suggested that a single wards model be tested as a viable option, and if viable, be included as a fourth option along with the current three options to be presented to the public for consultation.
- There would be no preferred option signalled when the options were presented for public engagement.

As amended by
Strategy, Finance &
Risk Committee
resolution (SFR3/21/1)
dated 28 June 2021

- Community boards could be with any option, although larger ward options did give more weight to the need for community boards. Factual information about community boards would be provided as part of the public consultation.
- There was consensus to go out for public consultation with the four options.

Staff were asked to prepare a further report for consideration which included a proposed single ward option (modified Option Two as suggested) to be included with the current three options to go out for public consultation. The report was to be presented to the 28 June meeting of the Strategy, Finance and Risk Committee.

At 4.28pm, Mr Bruce Robertson left the meeting.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SFR2/21/2

Moved: Commissioner Bill Wasley

Seconded: Dr Wayne Beilby

That the Committee recommends that the Council:

- (a) Adopts the timeline for the Representation Review process as set out in Attachment 1.
- (b) Agrees to pre-engagement with the community for the period 16 July to 13 August 2021.

CARRIED

Recommendation (c) below was left to lie on the table pending the report to be presented at the Strategy, Finance and Risk Committee meeting on 28 June.

- (c) Approves options 1, 2 and 3 for pre-engagement with the community.

Attachment

- 1 Presentation - Representation Review

10 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

11 CLOSING KARAKIA

Mr Te Pio Kawe closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 4.38pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Strategy, Finance and Risk Committee meeting held on 28 June 2021.

.....
CHAIRPERSON