

18. REPRESENTATION REVIEW

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As Members will recall there have been two recent seminars/workshops where the matter of the future governance structure for Christchurch has been discussed. The two sessions were held at Jade Stadium on Saturday 21 June, and Friday 25 July.

At the first of these sessions the range of options were reduced to three which were then to be the subject of the second session. The three shortlisted options were:

- Option 0: the present 12 ward/6 Community Board structure with no variation to the number of elected members.
- Option 1: a 6 ward structure, comprising a pairing of the 12 existing wards, and a reduction in the number of elected members i.e. to provide for 18 Councillors.
- Option 7: an option which provided for 8 wards, with a reduction from the present numbers of elected members i.e. to provide for 16 Councillors.

At the 25 July session further consideration was given to these three options, with particular attention given to an examination of option 7 (and a number of variations of this), and an assessment of how it related to "communities of interest" within Christchurch.

At the conclusion of the latter session a sub-Committee was formed to do some further work on the options, including option 7b, which was one of the variations arising from the 8 ward variations. Copies of the outlines for each of the three options for final consideration are **attached**. It is expected that the sub-Committee will report to a Council meeting before the end of August.

It was agreed that the sub-Committee could receive submissions on the matter as part of its evaluation work.

Arising from discussions with, and input from, colleague Members of the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board it would appear that option 1 is the option that would be preferred by the Board. Members views tend to suggest that the status quo (option 0) providing for 61 elected members for the future governance of Christchurch is not acceptable to the community, and that some reduction in numbers is therefore appropriate. Members also generally agree that option 7, or any of its variations, providing for an increase from six to eight Community Boards in Christchurch is, equally, unacceptable. The **attached** draft submission has been prepared in anticipation of the Board's approval.

The purpose of this report is to seek clarification of the Boards position on this matter, and to seek approval from the Board to submit the Board's views to the sub-Committee accordingly.

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- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board determine its preferred option for the future governance structure for Christchurch.
 2. That an appropriate submission be forwarded to the Council sub-Committee endorsing this preferred option.