



## 1. WARD BOUNDARIES

The purpose of the meeting was to provide Board members with an opportunity to consider adjusting an imbalance of population between the Spreydon and Heathcote wards, which had arisen as a result of the Hagley-Ferrymead and Spreydon-Heathcote Community Boards reaching agreement that:

1. The area described as the Sydenham Business District, and an area of four mesh blocks in Waltham be transferred from the Hagley ward to the Heathcote ward.
2. The Avoca Valley area be transferred from the Heathcote ward to the Ferrymead ward.

It was considered important that “communities of interest” should be taken into account when looking at any adjustments to boundaries between Spreydon and Heathcote.

In the course of considering possible boundary alterations during the 1997 triennial election review, a joint subcommittee of the Hagley/Ferrymead and Spreydon/Heathcote Community Boards met on 14 May 1997 to consider possible boundary alterations. At this meeting it was resolved, inter alia:

- “1. That the block bounded by Strickland Street, Somerfield Street, Barrington Street and Milton Street be moved from the Heathcote to the Spreydon ward to balance the population between these wards. The population in this block is 2,282.*
- 2. That the block bounded by Cashmere Road and the existing ward boundary be moved from the Heathcote ward to the Spreydon ward to assist to balance the ward populations, if necessary to balance the population numbers. The population in this block is 430.*
- 3. That the block bounded by the ward boundary, Scott Street, Browning Street, Milton Street, Antrim and Forbes Streets, Devon Street and back along Strickland Street to ward boundary, should remain within the Heathcote ward, as at present, unless further adjustments were necessary to balance the population numbers between the Spreydon and the Heathcote wards.”*

In the event, these alterations were not pursued by the Council when reaching a final decision on the boundaries to apply for the 1998 elections.

In terms of making adjustments to the Spreydon and Heathcote ward boundaries, the following motion was put by Sue Wells: *“That the status quo remain.”*

A division was called, and voting was as follows:

Carole Anderton	No
Elizabeth Maunsell	No
Phil Clearwater	No
Sonia Gill	Abstained
Oscar Alpers	No
Lynda Carter	Yes
Ian Howell	Yes
Sue Wells	Yes
Barry Corbett	Yes
Chairman's casting vote	Yes

The Board **decided**:

1. That the status quo remain in terms of ward boundaries between the Spreydon and Heathcote wards.
2. That, in future discussions on this issue, the Board involve residents associations to assist in determining their community of interest.