

1. WARD BOUNDARIES

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The purpose of this report is to facilitate a decision on ward boundaries within Spreydon-Heathcote.

An imbalance of population between the Spreydon and Heathcote wards will arise as a result of 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. That an area bounded by Chapmans Road, the railway line, Port Hills Road, and Curries Road be transferred from the Heathcote ward to the Ferrymead ward.

The current (1996 Census) populations of the wards are Spreydon 24,618 and Heathcote 26,265. The addition of the abovementioned Hagley ward areas to the Heathcote ward will increase this disparity.

It is therefore recommended that adjustments be made to equalise the population in each ward.

At its meeting on 14 May 1997 when addressing this issue the Board resolved that:

1. 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. 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. 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.”

A full plan of affected mesh blocks and their populations is currently being prepared and will be available prior to the meeting.

Recommendation: For discussion.