

# Council Workshop/Briefing

Monday 11 July 2016 at 5.30pm

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**Initial Elected Member Workshop and Public Information Session on the Elector Representation Review facilitated by Craig Rowe.**

## Program

### 1. Introduction

#### Overview of the Representation Review Process

- Representation review options paper
- First public consultation
- Representation review report
- Second public consultation
- Structure adopted
- Final review report
- Certification

### 2. Legislative obligations

Council must ensure that all aspects of the composition of the Council, and the issue of the division, or potential division, of the area of the council into wards, are comprehensively reviewed (Section 12 (4) of the Local Government Act 1999 (the Act)).

- In addition Council may consider changing the council from a municipal council to a district council and/or to alter the name of the council (Section 12 (2) of the Act).
- Reform proposals must consider:

**The principles** set out in Section 26 of the Act– i.e. proposed changes should, wherever practicable, benefit ratepayers; council should have a sufficient resource base to fulfill council's functions fairly, effectively and efficiently; residents should receive adequate and fair representation while over-representation in comparison with councils of a similar size and type should be avoided; a council should reflect communities of interest of an economic, recreational, social, regional or other kind, and be consistent with community structures, values, expectations and aspirations.

**Ward quotas** Section 33 of the Act– i.e. the desirability of reflecting communities of interest of an economic, social, regional or other kind; the population of the area; the topography of the area; the feasibility of communication between electors affected by any proposal; adequate and fair representation while avoiding over-representation.

A proposal that relates to the formation or alteration of wards of a council must also observe the principle that the number of electors represented by a councilor must not, vary from the ward quota by more than 10%.

The ward quota will be taken to be the number of electors for the area divided by the number of councilors for the area who represent wards.

### **3. General discussion on the following topics**

- Composition – Mayor/Chairperson
- Councillors
- Area Councillors (in addition to ward councilors)
- Ward Structure – Wards/No Wards
- Potential Ward Structures
- Ward Representation
- Elector Representation
- Key Considerations – Quota (Elector Ratio); Communities of Interest; Ward Boundaries; Demographic Trends.

### **4. Questions from the community in attendance**