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Maori Representation

The purpose of the Maori representation is to provide advice to Council.

Council continues to develop a much stronger relationship with Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea, who represent all 9 marae in Central Hawke's Bay.

Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea have appointed Morry Black as their representative at every scheduled ordinary, special, and extraordinary meeting of full Council. This representative does not vote.

Council is continuing to work closely with Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea to develop a memorandum of understanding for consideration of Maori views in Council decision making.

Maori Wards

The Local Electoral Act 2001 gives Council the ability to establish separate wards for Maori electors. Council is required to review its representation arrangements at least once every six years. This review must include deciding whether or not to have separate wards for electors on the Maori roll.

The formula to establish the number of Maori seats is governed by population. Based on the population of this district it may be possible that one Maori seat could be established.

Council conducted a representation review in 2011 and resolved that "Council does not establish Maori ward/s as provided for in the Local Electoral Act 2001, at this time."