
**Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee
Meeting of Thursday 21 September 2006**

Members: Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Armstrong (Chair), Ahipene-Mercer, Cook, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Pepperell, Ritchie, Ruben, Shaw, Wade-Brown and Wain.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

1. **ITEM 231/06P REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION
ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2007 LOCAL AUTHORITY
ELECTIONS**
(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

THAT Council:

1. *Confirm the decision to elect the members of the Wellington City Council (other than the Mayor) under the ward system for the 2007 local authority elections.*
2. *Agree the Council's initial proposal to divide the city into five wards for electoral purposes, as approved by the Council at its meeting on 28 June 2006 and publicly notified on 8 July 2006, be confirmed subject to the suburbs of Wadestown and Southgate remaining in the current Lambton and Southern Wards respectively for electoral purposes, and that the names of those wards and the suburban communities of interest comprised within each of those wards, be as follows:*
 - (a) *Northern Ward*
Comprising Churton Park, Glenside, Grenada North, Grenada Village, Horokiwi, Johnsonville, Newlands, Ohariu, Paparangi, Takapu Valley, Tawa and Woodridge (the boundaries of which are as shown on the attached Northern Ward Boundary Map dated 28 June 2006 - Appendix 1).
 - (b) *Onslow/Western Ward*
Comprising Broadmeadows, Crofton Downs, Kaiwharawhara, Karori, Khandallah, Makara, Makara Beach, Ngaio,

Ngauranga, Northland and Wilton (the boundaries of which are as shown on the attached Onslow/Western Ward Boundary Map dated 21 September 2006 - Appendix 8).

- (c) *Lambton Ward*
Comprising Aro Valley, Part Brooklyn, Highbury, Kelburn, Mt Cook, Mt Victoria, Oriental Bay, Pipitea, Te Aro, Thorndon, Wadestown and Wellington Central (the boundaries of which are as shown on the attached Lambton Ward Boundary Map dated 21 September 2006 - Appendix 8).
- (d) *Southern Ward*
Comprising Berhampore, Part Brooklyn, Island Bay, Kingston, Mornington, Newtown, Owhiro Bay, Southgate and Vogeltown (the boundaries of which are as shown on the attached Southern Ward Boundary Map dated 21 September 2006 - Appendix 8).
- (e) *Eastern Ward*
Comprising Breaker Bay, Hataitai, Houghton Bay, Karaka Bays, Kilbirnie, Lyall Bay, Maupuia, Melrose, Miramar, Moa Point, Rongotai, Roseneath, Seatoun and Strathmore Park (the boundaries of which are as shown on the attached Eastern Ward Boundary Map dated 21 September 2006 - Appendix 8).

Note

The current ward boundaries do not comply with the “fairness” provisions of the Local Electoral Act 2001 (LEA) in that the Lambton Ward is under represented by 13.77% and the Eastern Ward is over represented by 12.66%.

The Council’s initial proposal, recommended the transfer of Roseneath from the Lambton Ward to the Eastern Ward, Wadestown from the Lambton Ward to the Onslow/Western Ward and Southgate from the Southern Ward to the Eastern Ward.

The transfer of Roseneath (population 1600) from the Lambton Ward to the Eastern Ward will, on its own, achieve the population per Councillor ratio required (i.e. within the +/- 10% variance). The transfer of Wadestown (population 3250) or Southgate (population 880) from the Lambton and Southern Wards respectively, as is proposed in the Council’s initial representation proposal, is not required to achieve the “fairness” criteria. The retention of these suburbs within the existing ward boundaries will ensure that any disruption to the ward boundaries is kept to a minimum.

A number of very minor meshblock adjustments were also incorporated in the Council’s initial proposal. These adjustments were proposed in an endeavour to ensure that the proposed ward boundaries followed the Council’s suburb boundaries (i.e. its

communities of interest) as closely as possible. These meshblock adjustments affect approximately 20-30 properties only.

3. *Confirm the decision to retain the level of elected members (excluding the Mayor) at 14 and that the distribution of those members between the five wards be as follows:*

<i>Northern Ward</i>	<i>3 Councillors</i>
<i>Onslow/Western Ward</i>	<i>3 Councillors</i>
<i>Lambton Ward</i>	<i>3 Councillors</i>
<i>Southern Ward</i>	<i>2 Councillors</i>
<i>Eastern Ward</i>	<i>3 Councillors</i>

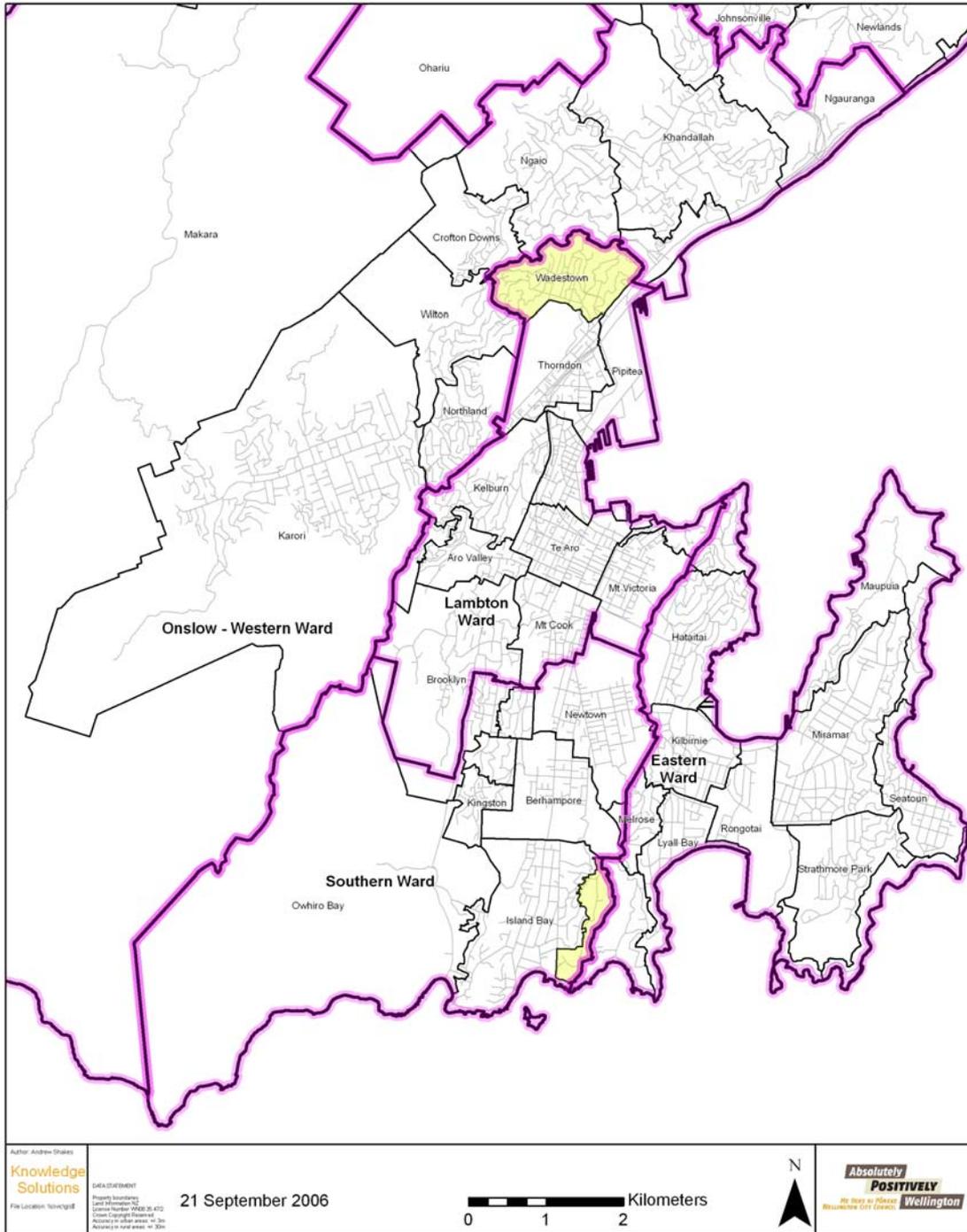
4. *Rescind the decision to extend the Makara/Ohariu Community to include the rural suburbs of Takapu Valley (excluding the suburban centre in Takapu Road) and Horokiwi (excluding Hutt Road) and for the altered community to be named the Wellington Rural Community and resolve that the existing Makara/Ohariu Community Board continue to operate within its current boundaries, that the community not be subdivided for electoral purposes and that its existing membership of six elected members (and no appointed members) continue to be elected by the electors of the Makara/Ohariu community as a whole.*
5. *Rescind the decision to abolish the existing Tawa Community and Tawa Community Board and resolve that the Tawa Community Board continue to operate within its current boundaries, that the community not be subdivided for electoral purposes and that its existing membership of six elected members continue to be elected by the electors of the Tawa community as a whole, plus two appointed members.*
6. *Agree the decision that no further community boards be established across the city at this time be confirmed.*
7. *Agree that the wording of the reasons for the Council's decision, and its acceptance or rejection of submissions received on the Council's initial proposal dated 28 June 2006, be approved by the Portfolio Leader Governance and the Chief Executive.*

Note

The reasons for the Council's decision to amend its initial proposal and its rejection of the submissions received on it, must be included in the public notice that the Council is required to give, under section 19N of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

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Chair





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