

Maori representation

TO Council
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DATE 8 September 2014
SUBJECT **Maori representation - 2016 elections**

1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is for the Council to consider if Maori representation should be introduced for the 2016 local authority elections.

2 Background and Recommendations

Background information and recommendations on Maori representation is provided in the attached report from Dale Ofsoske, council's appointed Electoral Officer.

The Council resolved at its February Council meeting for the Policy Committee to undertake the representation review of which the electoral system is one of three key considerations. Paul Kelly, Mercury Bay Community Chairperson, was also appointed to the representation review. The September Policy Committee meeting was cancelled so this report has been referred directly to the Council meeting.

If Māori representation is to be introduced for the 2016 triennial elections, a resolution by Council must be made by 23 November 2014. At an earlier workshop the Council gave an initial steer of 'minimum change'.

3 Suggested Resolutions

That the Thames-Coromandel District Council:

1. Receives the Maori representation - 2016 elections report dated 8 September 2014.
2. Determines the basis for the 2016 triennial elections in respect of Maori representation.

4 References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments

Attachment A *2016 Representation Review project*

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Attachment A - Maori representation 2016 elections