

Electoral voting systems – 2022 local body elections

Meeting: Kaipara District Council
Date of meeting: 26 August 2020
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Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To seek a decision on the type of electoral system to be used in the 2022 and 2025 Local Government elections.

Recommendation/Ngā tūhunga

That the Kaipara District Council:

- a) Agrees to retain the Single Transferable Voting (STV) electoral system for the 2022 and 2025 Local Government elections. OR
- b) Agrees to introduce the First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system for the 2022 and 2025 Local Government elections. OR
- c) Agrees to hold poll of electors is held on which electoral system is to be used for the next two triennial elections.

Context/Horopaki

The Local Electoral Act 2001 (the Act) requires the Council to consider what type of electoral system will be used for the 2022 local body elections. This review must be completed by 12 September 2020.

The Act provides three options on the matter:

- The Single Transferable Voting (STV) electoral system is retained; or
- The First Past the Post (FPP) electoral system is re-introduced; or
- A poll of electors is held on which electoral system is to be used for the next two triennial elections. This approach would cost approximately \$30-\$40k and funding has not been allocated for this.

Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

The primary report for this agenda item has been prepared by the Council Electoral Officer (Attachment A).

The report provides a comprehensive overview of:

- What is required of the Council (section 3.1)
- The electoral options available (section 3.2)
- Processes for selecting each item (section 3.2)
- The timeframes which apply (appendix 1).

Significance and engagement/Hirahira me ngā whakapāpā

The decisions or matters of this report do not trigger the significance criteria outlined in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, and the public will be informed via agenda on the website.

Next steps/E whaiake nei

The Council will need to consider and decide the process and voting system that they would like to use for the 2022 local body elections. Council staff will then process the decision with the relevant government agencies and the Kaipara District Council Electoral Officer.

Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Electoral Officers report on local government election voting systems