



LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

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Commission announces decision on representation arrangements for the Palmerston North City Council

The Local Government Commission today announced its decision on the Palmerston North City Council's membership and ward arrangements for the 2007 local elections.

After considering appeals and objections against the Council's proposal, the Commission has decided that:

- The Council will comprise a mayor and 15 councillors elected as follows:

Ward	Councillors
Papaioea	4
Takaro	3
Awapuni	3
Hokowhitu	3
Ashhurst-Fitzherbert	2

- There will be no community boards.

The Commission's decision differs from the Council's proposal in the following ways –

- A ward system will be retained, instead of the at-large system proposed by the Council;
- The Ashhurst and Fitzherbert wards are combined into an Ashhurst-Fitzherbert Ward;
- An area to the west of the Square is transferred from the Takaro Ward to the Awapuni Ward; and
- The Commission had not provided for an Ashhurst Community Board, on the basis that the retention of a ward system will ensure effective representation for the area. This will be supported by the Council's existing system of ward committees.

A copy of the Commission's determination is available on the Commission's website at www.lgc.govt.nz

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