

What we're proposing

On 13 June, Council resolved to consult with our communities on an initial proposal to retain the status quo. This does not meet the Local Government Commissions +/- 10% rule but we believe there are good reasons why we should be exempt from this requirement.



The population that each member will represent is as follows:

Ward	Population	Members	Population per member	Difference from quota	% Difference from quota
Matamata	13,800	4	3,450	293	9.27
Morrinsville	12,700	4	3,175	18	0.56
Te Aroha	8,230	3	2,743	-414	-13.11
Total	34,730	11	3,157		

**Note: These figures are based on a New Zealand Statistics estimate as of 30 June 2017 as latest Census figures will not be confirmed in time to use as part of the proposal.*

We're proposing to stick with the same ward boundaries, number of Councillors, and to continue with no community boards for the next two Council elections. One of the legal requirements is ensuring each Councillor represents roughly the same number of people in the district (known as the +/- 10% rule).

If we stick with the same number of Councillors, that means each Councillor should represent between 2,842 – 3,473 people in our district. Matamata and Morrinsville Wards are within this range, however, the Te Aroha Ward is just outside this range (by 99 people per Councillor).

You can [read our full proposal here](#):

Or [view the official survey plan for our proposed ward boundaries here](#)

The report to Council on the initial proposal is in the [agenda for the 13 June 2018](#)

[Council meeting](#).