

This memo was sent to all current Auckland Council elected members and is proactively published as public information relating to the 2022 Auckland local elections.

Memo

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To: All elected members
cc: Elections 22 steering group
From: Rose Leonard, Manager Governance Services

Subject: **Planning update for the 2022 local elections**

With just under 7 months to go until the 2022 local elections, planning for delivering the Auckland elections and promoting participation is well underway. This memorandum provides a high level overview of the council's programme for the elections and will be proactively published on council's website.

Key dates

- Nominations 15 July – 12 August 2022
- Voting 16 September – 8 October 2022
- Voting closes 12pm midday 8 October 2022
- Provisional results by 8am 9 October 2022
- Results declared no later than 19 October 2022

The role of council in promoting the elections

The chief executive of Auckland Council has responsibility for "facilitating and fostering representative and substantial elector participation in elections and polls held under the local electoral act." ¹ In order to carry out this delegated responsibility, the election planning team is working towards the following outcomes:

- increased voter turnout, up from 35.3% in 2019
- candidates that reflect the diversity of Auckland
- a positive experience for candidates and voters
- increased knowledge of council and local democracy

We are also delivering an elections programme that builds on learnings from the 2019 elections and key insights gathered during the 2022 election programme discovery phase conducted last year.

¹ LGA section 42(2)(d)

The elections programme requires some council staff to support and promote participation in the elections, particularly staff from the Governance Division. To achieve that we encourage those staff to contribute to the elections outcomes described above and the activities that support them. This means you may notice your usual support staff get involved in events or activities to encourage people to stand and vote. We appreciate your understanding and support of this effort to promote participation in our local democracy.

Election delivery

As in the 2019 elections, Dale Ofsoske of Independent Election Services is the council's Electoral Officer, with Warwick McNaughton from Governance Services as the Deputy Electoral Officer. Independent Election Services has been contracted to run the election processes, including nominations and voting.

The Electoral Officer will be the primary point of contact for any questions relating to the conduct of the elections, including election signage. The Electoral Officer can be contacted on **0800 922 822**, or **09 973 5212**. or info@electionservices.co.nz.

As Manager Governance Services, I am the primary contact for any questions you may have about elected member conduct in the election period. Please contact me at rose.leonard@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or 021 223 5087.

Information on the elections is available on the [Vote Auckland website](#) and will be updated throughout the phases of the election.

Further information about elections

Please refer to the election year policy (available on Nexus) for all the protocols that apply to you as elected member during an election year.

All information about the election is available on votauckland.co.nz. The content on the website will keep being updated as we move across the election phases.

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