

Local Government Act 2002 – Section 40

40 Local governance statements

(1) A local authority must prepare and make publicly available, following the triennial general election of members, a local governance statement that includes information on—

- (a) the functions, responsibilities, and activities of the local authority; and
- (b) any local legislation that confers powers on the local authority; and
- (c) the electoral system and the opportunity to change it; and
- (d) representation arrangements, including the option of establishing Maori wards or constituencies, and the opportunity to change them; and
- (e) members' roles and conduct (with specific reference to the applicable statutory requirements and code of conduct); and
- (f) governance structures and processes, membership, and delegations; and
- (g) meeting processes (with specific reference to the applicable provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and standing orders); and
- (h) consultation policies; and
- (i) policies for liaising with, and memoranda or agreements with, Maori; and
- (i) the management structure and the relationship between management and elected members; and
- (k) equal employment opportunities policy; and
- (l) key approved planning and policy documents and the process for their development and review; and
- (m) systems for public access to it and its elected members; and
- (n) processes for requests for official information.

(2) A local authority must comply with subsection (1) within 6 months after each triennial general election of members of the local authority.

(3) A local authority must update its governance statement as it considers appropriate.