Appeal for survey on appointees

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THE Legislative Council was urged yesterday to commission a public opinion poll on whether appointed and ex-officio membership to district boards and the two municipal councils should be abolished by 1994.

The request was made by a group of about 30 elected district board and municipal council members.

A representative, Kwai Tsing District Board member Mr Sin Chung-kai, said it was natural for appointed members of district boards and the two municipal councils to oppose the proposal because they had a vested interest.

He said the survey findings should form the basis of a government review on the structure, role and status of the district boards and municipal councils.

Twenty-two Urbco members spoke at a meeting yesterday on whether they should support a motion in Legco to be moved by Mr Yeung Sum or an amended motion by Mr Andrew Wong Wang-fat.

Mr Yeung's motion calls for the Government to review the status and structure of the district boards and the municipal councils and to abolish the appointed seats in 1994 while Mr Wong's amendment does not support abolishing the seats.

Urbco members votéd 27-9 to support Mr Wong's amendment.