

Political Balance on Committees 2025/26

POLITICAL MAKE-UP OF THE COUNCIL (57 Seats)

Liberal Democrat Group – 29 members (50.88%)

Labour Group – 25 members (43.86%)

Independent Group – 3 members (5.26%)

A. SEATS AVAILABLE ON THE COUNCIL

Council Committees

Planning Committee – 11 seats

Licensing Committee - 11 seats

Audit Committee – 10 seats

Appeals Committee - 5 seats

Civic Committee - 10 seats

Independent Members Appointments Panel – 8 seats

Appointments Committee – 7 seats

Scrutiny Function

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee – 9 seats

Overview and Scrutiny Commissions

Economy and Environment – 9 seats

Health and Social Well-being - 9 seats

Early Years and Lifelong Learning – 9 seats

Communities, Culture and Leisure – 9 seats

Total Number of Seats on Committees = 107

B. ENTITLEMENT TO SEATS ON COUNCIL COMMITTEES UNDER PROPORTIONALITY RULES

Liberal Democrat Group	54 seats
Labour Group	47 seats
Independent Group	6 seats

Notes -

1. Each member is required to notify the Proper Officer which political group, if any, he or she wishes to be identified with. A group comprises two or more members.
2. Each Group Secretary is required to notify the Proper Officer which members of his or her groups he/she wishes to sit on each relevant committee or sub-committee.
3. The allocation of seats requires the rounding up or down of calculated figures to give whole numbers.
4. The Cabinet, Executive Committees, and Area Committees are exempt from the application of the political balance rules.

C. ENTITLEMENT TO SEATS ON MAIN COMMITTEES UNDER PROPORTIONALITY RULES

(brackets () denotes strict proportionality not accounting for the principles established in s7 of the report)

Committee (and no. of seats available)	Liberal Democrat Group	Labour Group	Ind. Group	Comments
Planning Committee (11)	6	5	1	One over allocation
Licensing Committee (11)	6	5	1	One over allocation
Audit Committee (10)	5	4	1	
Appeals Committee (5)	3	2		
Civic Committee (10)	5	4	1	
Independent Members Appointments Panel (8)	4	(4)3		
Appointments Committee (7)	4	3		
Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (9)	5	4		
Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Commission (9)	5	4		
Health and Social Well-being Overview and Scrutiny Commission (9)	5	4		
Early Years and Lifelong Learning Overview and Scrutiny Commission (9)	5	4		
Communities, Culture and leisure Overview and Scrutiny Commission (9)	5	4		
Total allocation of seats based on proportionality rules	58	47	4	

ACTUAL ENTITLEMENT	54	47	6	

Notes –

1. Under proportionality rules contained with the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989:-
 - (a) Proportionality is applied to the total number of seats available and to each individual committee.
 - (b) The majority group should form the majority on each committee.
2. The allocation of seats requires the rounding up or down of calculated figures to give whole numbers.
3. The calculations for proportionality are based upon the Committees as they stand as of today and it should be noted that if members seek to change then this may affect the calculation.

Proportionality 2025/26 Council Committees (06.05.25)