

Provisional Political Balance Allocations 2017/2018

STAGE 1 - Percentage representation on the Council:

Party	Membership	Percentage %
Labour	29	69.05
Conservative	13	30.95
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STAGE 2 - Total number of seats on committees to be allocated:

Committee Name	Membership
Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee	9
Children's Scrutiny Committee	9
Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee	9
Audit Committee	9
Planning Committee	7
Appeals Committee	7
Public Protection Sub-Committee	7
Chief Officers Employment Committee	7
Standards Committee	7
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Total	71

STAGE 3 - Total allocation of seats to each party:

(This stage is to ensure as far as possible that the number of seats allocated to a group in total, is in the same proportion as the number of members of the group on the Council as a whole)

Party	Number of seats	Seats (rounded up)
Labour	49.02	49
Conservative	21.98	22
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STAGE 4 - Working calculations for individual committees

(This stage is to ensure that as far as possible, the number of seats allocated to a group on each committee, is in the same proportion as the number of members of the group on the Council as a whole)

Note 1: Stage 3 overrides Stage 4

Note 2: The majority political group must have the majority of seats on every committee

Committee	Party	Seats on each committee	Seat entitlement	Total for each	Seats on each
Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny	Labour	9	6.21	6	9
	Conservative		2.79	3	
Children's Scrutiny Committee	Labour	9	6.21	6	9
	Conservative		2.79	3	
Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee	Labour	9	6.21	6	9
	Conservative		2.79	3	
Audit	Labour	9	6.21	6	9
	Conservative		2.79	3	
Planning	Labour	7	4.83	5	7
	Conservative		2.17	2	
Appeals	Labour	7	4.83	5	7
	Conservative		2.17	2	
Public Protection Sub-Committee	Labour	7	4.83	5	7
	Conservative		2.17	2	
Chief Officers Employment	Labour	7	4.83	5	7
	Conservative		2.17	2	
Standards	Labour	7	4.83	5	7
	Conservative		2.17	2	
Total Seats				71	

	Stage 4	Stage 3
Labour	49	49
Conservative	22	22
	71	71

Note 3

In this scenario, stage 3 = stage 4 which means that no adjustments are necessary in the allocation of seats.

If the Council wishes to allocate seats **other** than described above, this would require a resolution of Council, which no member votes against.

Note 4

The Licensing Committee does not fall under these statutory rules and has therefore not been included in the political balance calculations

However, it is recommended that the composition of the Licensing Committee be also reflective of the political balance of the Council which equates for a committee of 15 to 10 Labour and 5 Conservative members.

Note 5

The Public Protection Sub-Committee **does** not derive its responsibility from the Licensing Act 2003 and is therefore part of the aggregate political balance calculations.