

## Provisional Political Balance Allocations 2018/2019

**STAGE 1 - Percentage representation on the Council:**

Party	Membership	Percentage %
Labour	28	66.67
Conservative	12	28.57
Independent	<u>2</u>	<u>4.76</u>
	42	100

**STAGE 2 - Total number of seats on committees to be allocated:**

Committee Name	Membership
Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee	9
Resilient Communities and Children's Scrutiny Committee	9
Adults Social Care 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
Shareholder's Advisory Board	<u>4</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>

**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	50.00	50
Conservative	21.43	<u>21</u>
		71

**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	Allocation for each committee	New total of seats on each committee	
Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny	Labour	9	6.00	6	7	Labour to lose one seat Conservative to lose one seat
	Conservative		2.57	3		
Resilient Communities and Children's Scrutiny	Labour	9	6.00	6	9	
	Conservative		2.57	3		
Adults Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee	Labour	9	6.00	6	8	Labour to lose one seat
	Conservative		2.57	3		
Audit	Labour	9	6.00	6	9	
	Conservative		2.57	3		
Planning	Labour	7	4.67	5	7	
	Conservative		2.00	2		
Appeals	Labour	7	4.67	5	6	Conservative to lose one seat
	Conservative		2.00	2		
Public Protection Sub-Committee	Labour	7	4.67	5	7	
	Conservative		2.00	2		
Chief Officers Employment	Labour	7	4.67	5	7	
	Conservative		2.00	2		
Standards	Labour	7	4.67	5	7	
	Conservative		2.00	2		
Shareholder's Advisory Board	Labour	4	2.67	3	4	
	Conservative		1.14	1		
<b>Total Seats</b>				<b>75</b>	<b>71</b>	

	<b>Stage 4</b>	<b>Stage 3</b>
Labour	52	50
Conservative	23	21
	<b>75</b>	<b>71</b>

**Note 3**

For Stage 3 and Stage 4 to balance (Stage 3 overrides) Labour need to lose two seats and Conservatives need to lose two seats.

Following consultation with the two Group Leaders, they have proposed that both Labour and Conservative lose a seat each from the Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee, for the Conservative Group to lose a seat from the Appeals Committee and the Labour Group to lose a seat from the Adults Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee.

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.