

Provisional Political Balance Allocations 2021/2022

STAGE 1 - Percentage representation on the Council:

Party	Membership	Percentage %
Labour	22	52.38
Conservative	16	38.10
Blackpool Independents	2	4.76
	<u>40 *</u>	<u>95.24</u>

* Two councillors are not part of a political group and therefore are not included in these political balance calculations

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

Committee Name	Membership
Scrutiny Leadership Board	7 (plus Independent Chair giving overall membership of 8)
Tourism, Economy and Communities Scrutiny Committee	9
Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee	9
Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee	9
Audit Committee	7
Planning Committee	7
Appeals Committee	5
Public Protection Sub-Committee	7
Chief Officers Employment Committee	9
Standards Committee	5
Total	<u>74</u>

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)
Labour	38.76	39
Conservative	28.19	28
Blackpool Independents	3.52	<u>4</u>
		<u>71</u>

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 most seats on every committee

Committee	Party	Seats on each committee	Seat entitlement	Allocation for each committee		Adjusted seat allocation	New total of seats on each committee
Scrutiny Leadership Board	Labour	7	3.67	4		3	7
	Conservative		2.67	3		4	
	Blackpool Independents		0.33	0		0	
Tourism, Economy and Communities Scrutiny Committee	Labour	9	4.71	5		5	9
	Conservative		3.43	3		3	
	Blackpool Independents		0.43	0		1	
Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee	Labour	9	4.71	5		5	9
	Conservative		3.43	3		3	
	Blackpool Independents		0.43	0		1	
Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee	Labour	9	4.71	5		5	9
	Conservative		3.43	3		3	
	Blackpool Independents		0.43	0		1	
Audit	Labour	7	3.67	4		4	7
	Conservative		2.67	3		3	
	Blackpool Independents		0.33	0		0	
Planning	Labour	7	3.67	4		4	7
	Conservative		2.67	3		3	
	Blackpool Independents		0.33	0		0	
Appeals	Labour	5	2.62	3		3	5
	Conservative		1.90	2		2	
	Blackpool Independents		0.24	0		0	
Public Protection Sub-Committee	Labour	7	3.67	4		4	7
	Conservative		2.67	3		3	
	Blackpool Independents		0.33	0		0	
Chief Officers Employment	Labour	9	4.71	5		4	7
	Conservative		3.43	3		2	
	Blackpool Independents		0.43	0		1	
Standards	Labour	5	2.62	3		3	5
	Conservative		1.90	2		2	
	Blackpool Independents		0.24	0		0	
Total Seats				70		72	

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	Stage 4	Stage 4 (revised)	Stage 3
Labour	42	40	39
Conservative	28	28	28
Blackpool Independents	0	4	4
	70	72	71

Note 3

Stage 3 overrides Stage 4, but political balance rules require that the administration must have a majority on every committee, therefore one additional seat is allocated to Labour to enable this to be in place. (Council also agreed at Annual Meeting in May 2019, to have a Scrutiny Leadership Board which was not politically balanced and Labour do not have a majority on this committee). The seat allocation has been adjusted accordingly. This also takes into account the necessity to allocate seats to the independent groups

If the Council wishes to allocate seats **other** than reflects the revised stage 4 allocation per group, 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 to a committee of 13: 7 Labour, 5 Conservative, 1 Blackpool Independent

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.