

Provisional Political Balance Allocations 2014/ 2015

STAGE 1 - Percentage representation on the Council:

Party	Membership	Percentage %
Labour	27	64.29
Conservative	13	30.95
Liberal Democrat	1	2.38
	<u>41</u>	<u>98</u>

(1 current vacancy on the Council)

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

Committee Name	Membership
Scrutiny Committee	15
Call In Sub-Committee	9
Health Scrutiny Committee	9
Finance and Audit Committee	7
Planning Committee	10
Appeals Committee	6
Public Protection Sub-Committee	7
Chief Officers Employment Committee	7
Standards Committee	6
Total	<u>76</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 up)
Labour	48.86	49
Conservative	23.52	<u>24</u>
		<u>73</u>

NOTE: There are 3 less seats than Stage 2, as the Liberal Democrat Group representation does not constitute a Group and there is a vacancy on the Council.

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)

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STAGE 4 (cont.) - Working calculations for individual committees

Note 1: Stage 3 (previous page) 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 committee	
Scrutiny	Labour	15	9.64	10	(see Note 3b)
	Conservative		4.64	5	
Call In Sub-Committee	Labour	9	5.79	6	
	Conservative		2.79	3	
Health Scrutiny	Labour	9	5.79	6	
	Conservative		2.79	3	
Finance and Audit	Labour	7	4.50	5	
	Conservative		2.17	2	
Planning	Labour	10	6.43	6	(1 seat remains unallocated) (see Note 3a)
	Conservative		3.10	3	
Appeals	Labour	6	3.86	4	
	Conservative		1.86	2	
Public Protection Sub-Committee	Labour	7	4.50	5	
	Conservative		2.17	2	
Chief Officers Employment	Labour	7	4.50	5	(see Note 3b)
	Conservative		2.17	2	
Standards	Labour	6	3.86	4	
	Conservative		1.86	2	
Total Seats				75	

	Stage 4	Stage 3	
Labour	51	49	Labour to forgoe 2 seats from Cttees above to balance
Conservative	24	24	
	<u>75</u>	<u>73</u>	

Reminder: Stage 3 calculations (Council based representation) override Stage 4 calculations (Committee based calculations)

Note 3a

Due to the current vacancy on the Council, the Planning Committee will need to reduce in size by one member, until that vacancy is filled.

Note 3b

For stages 3 and 4 to balance, Labour would need to forgoe 2 seats. The Labour Group Leader has indicated that the Group will as in 2012 and 2013, continue to forgoe its seat on the Chief Officers Employment Committee, thereby reducing its membership on that Committee to 4. He has also indicated that the Group will forgoe a seat on the Scrutiny Committee, reducing the Labour membership to 9.

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. It is recommended that the composition of the Committee be 10 Labour, 4 Conservative and 1 Liberal Democrat.

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.