

Provisional Political Balance Allocations 2014/ 2015

(November 2014)

STAGE 1 - Percentage representation on the Council:

Party	Membership	Percentage %
Labour	28	66.67
Conservative	13	30.95
Liberal Democrat	1	2.38
	<u>42</u>	<u>100</u>

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	50.67	51
Conservative	23.52	<u>24</u>
		75

NOTE: There is 1 less seat than Stage 2, as the Liberal Democrat Group representation does not constitute a Group.

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	10.00	10
	Conservative		4.64	5
Call In Sub-Committee	Labour	9	6.00	6
	Conservative		2.79	3
Health Scrutiny	Labour	9	6.00	6
	Conservative		2.79	3
Finance and Audit	Labour	7	4.67	5
	Conservative		2.17	2
Planning	Labour	10	6.67	7
	Conservative		3.10	3
Appeals	Labour	6	4.00	4
	Conservative		1.86	2
Public Protection Sub-Committee	Labour	7	4.67	5
	Conservative		2.17	2
Chief Officers Employment	Labour	7	4.67	5
	Conservative		2.17	2
Standards	Labour	6	4.00	4
	Conservative		1.86	2
Total Seats				76

(see Note 3)

	Stage 4	Stage 3	
Labour	52	51	Labour to forgoe 1 seat from a Cttee above to balance (see note 3)
Conservative	24	24	
	<u>76</u>	<u>75</u>	

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

Note 3

For stages 3 and 4 to balance, Labour would need to forgoe 1 seat. 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.

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.