

## Provisional Political Balance Allocations 2015/ 2016

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

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

<b>Committee Name</b>	<b>Membership</b>
Scrutiny Committee 1 (Tourism, Economy and Resources)	9
Scrutiny Committee 2 (Resilient Communities)	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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<b>Total</b>	<b>62</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)

<b>Party</b>	<b>Number of seats</b>	<b>Seats (rounded up)</b>
Labour	42.81	43
Conservative	19.19	19
		<hr/> 62

**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
<b>Scrutiny 1 (Tourism, Economy and Resources)</b>	Labour	9	6.21	6	9
	Conservative		2.79	3	
<b>Scrutiny 2 (Resilient Communities)</b>	Labour	9	6.21	6	9
	Conservative		2.79	3	
<b>Audit</b>	Labour	9	6.21	6	9
	Conservative		2.79	3	
<b>Planning</b>	Labour	7	4.83	5	7
	Conservative		2.17	2	
<b>Appeals</b>	Labour	7	4.83	5	7
	Conservative		2.17	2	
<b>Public Protection Sub-Committee</b>	Labour	7	4.83	5	7
	Conservative		2.17	2	
<b>Chief Officers Employment</b>	Labour	7	4.83	5	7
	Conservative		2.17	2	
<b>Standards</b>	Labour	7	4.83	5	7
	Conservative		2.17	2	
<b>Total Seats</b>				<b>62</b>	

	<b>Stage 4</b>	<b>Stage 3</b>
Labour	43	43
Conservative	19	19
	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>

**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.