

Political Balance Allocations - May 2022

STAGE 1 - Percentage representation on the Council:

Party	Membership	Percentage %
Labour	20	47.62
Conservative	16	38.10
Blackpool Independents	3	7.14
	<u>39 *</u>	<u>92.86</u>

* Three 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
	<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	35.24	35
Conservative	28.19	28
Blackpool Independents	5.29	5
		<u>68</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)

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	3.33	3	3	7	
	Conservative		2.67	3	4		
	Blackpool Independents		0.50	0	0		
Tourism, Economy and Communities Scrutiny Committee	Labour	9	4.29	4	4	8	
	Conservative		3.43	3	3		
	Blackpool Independents		0.64	1	1		
Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee	Labour	9	4.29	4	4	8	
	Conservative		3.43	3	3		
	Blackpool Independents		0.64	1	1		
Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee	Labour	9	4.29	4	4	8	
	Conservative		3.43	3	3		
	Blackpool Independents		0.64	1	1		
Audit	Labour	7	3.33	3	3	6	
	Conservative		2.67	3	3		
	Blackpool Independents		0.50	0	0		
Planning	Labour	7	3.33	3	4	8	plus 1 Labour
	Conservative		2.67	3	3		
	Blackpool Independents		0.50	0	1		plus 1 Blackpool Independents
Appeals	Labour	5	2.38	2	3	5	plus 1 Labour
	Conservative		1.90	2	2		
	Blackpool Independents		0.36	0	0		
Public Protection Sub-Committee	Labour	7	3.33	3	3	6	
	Conservative		2.67	3	3		
	Blackpool Independents		0.50	0	0		
Chief Officers Employment	Labour	9	4.29	4	4	7	mins 1 Conservative
	Conservative		3.43	3	2		
	Blackpool Independents		0.64	1	1		
Standards	Labour	5	2.38	2	3	5	plus 1 Labour
	Conservative		1.90	2	2		
	Blackpool Independents		0.36	0	0		
Total Seats			64			68	

	Stage 4	Stage 4 (revised)	Stage 3
Labour	32	35	35
Conservative	28	28	28
Blackpool Independents	4	5	5
	64	68	68

Note 1
Stage 3 overrides Stage 4. Therefore there has to be changes to the stage 4 allocations to align with the allocations produced by stage 3. (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.

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 2
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 continues to equate to a committee of 13: 7 Labour, 5 Conservative, 1 Blackpool Independent. Therefore there is no change to this committee.

Note 3
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.

