

Political Balance Allocations - November 2022

STAGE 1 - Percentage representation on the Council:

Party	Membership	Percentage %
Labour	20	47.62
Conservative	14	33.33
Blackpool Independents	3	7.14
	<u>37 *</u>	<u>88.10</u>

* Five 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>
	Total

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	24.67	25
Blackpool Independents	5.29	5
		<u>65</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	<p>At Annual Meeting in 2019, agreed for this Cttee to be made up of Chairs/ V Chairs of Scrutiny Cttees, plus Audit Chair (7 members) plus Indep Chair not included in these calculations (making 8 members) therefore political balance adjusted to fit.</p>	
	Conservative		2.33	3	4			
	Blackpool Independents		0.50	0	0			
Tourism, Economy and Communities Scrutiny Committee	Labour	9	4.29	4	4	8		
	Conservative		3.00	3	3			
	Blackpool Independents		0.64	1	1			
Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee	Labour	9	4.29	4	4	8		
	Conservative		3.00	3	3			
	Blackpool Independents		0.64	1	1			
Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee	Labour	9	4.29	4	4	8		<p>New political balance on this committee as a result of change to Conservative group</p>
	Conservative		3.00	3	3			
	Blackpool Independents		0.64	1	1			
Audit	Labour	7	3.33	3	3	5	<p>Agreed at Annual Council that 1 additional seat be given to Blackpool Independents and 1 to Labour to provide an overall balance. 1 seat retained for Conservative group to provide overall balance.</p>	
	Conservative		2.33	2	2			
	Blackpool Independents		0.50	0	0			
Planning	Labour	7	3.33	3	4	8		
	Conservative		2.33	2	3			
	Blackpool Independents		0.50	0	1			
Appeals	Labour	5	2.38	2	3	5		<p>Add 1 seat back in for Labour to provide overall balance</p>
	Conservative		1.67	2	2			
	Blackpool Independents		0.36	0	0			
Public Protection Sub-Committee	Labour	7	3.33	3	3	5		
	Conservative		2.33	2	2			
	Blackpool Independents		0.50	0	0			
Chief Officers Employment	Labour	9	4.29	4	4	7	<p>Agreed at Annual meeting to reduce Conservatives by 1 seat to provide overall balance</p>	
	Conservative		3.00	3	2			
	Blackpool Independents		0.64	1	1			
Standards	Labour	5	2.38	2	3	4	<p>Add 1 seat back in for Labour to provide overall balance. Agreed in September review to reduce 1 seat for conservatives to provide overall balance</p>	
	Conservative		1.67	2	1			
	Blackpool Independents		0.36	0	0			
Total Seats				61		65		

	Stage 4	Stage 4 (revised)	Stage 3
Labour	32	35	35
Conservative	25	25	25
Blackpool Independents	4	5	5
	<u>61</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>65</u>

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 agreed at Annual Meeting in May 2019, to have a Scrutiny Leadership Board which was not politically balanced). The seat allocation has been adjusted accordingly.

At the Annual Council meeting in May 2022 and the review in September 2022, committees were adjusted to achieve political balance and where appropriate this has continued. Any exceptions to this are listed in the table above.

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 now equates to a committee of 13: 7 Labour, 5 Conservative, 1 Blackpool Independent.

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.