

Political Balance Allocations - May 2024

STAGE 1 - Percentage representation on the Council:

Party	Membership	Percentage %
Labour	28	66.67
Conservative	14	33.33
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STAGE 2 - Total number of seats on committees to be allocated:

Committee Name	Membership
Scrutiny Leadership Board	10
Levelling Up Scrutiny Committee	9
Climate Change and the Environment Scrutiny Committee	9
Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee	9
Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee	9
Audit Committee	7
Planning Committee	7
Appeals Committee	6
Public Protection Sub-Committee	7
Chief Officers Employment Committee	10
Chief Officers Appointments Sub-Committee	6
Chief Officers Disciplinary Committee Sub-Committee	4
Chief Officers Appeals Sub-Committee	4
Standards Committee	6
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Total	103

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	68.67	69
Conservative	34.33	34
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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 most seats on every committee (unless agreed otherwise - see Scrutiny Leadership Board)

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	10	6.67	7	4	10
	Conservative		3.33	3	6	
Levelling Up Scrutiny Committee	Labour	9	6.00	6	6	9
	Conservative		3.00	3	3	
Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee	Labour	9	6.00	6	6	9
	Conservative		3.00	3	3	
Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee	Labour	9	6.00	6	6	9
	Conservative		3.00	3	3	
Climate Change and the Environment Scrutiny Committee	Labour	9	6.00	6	7	9
	Conservative		3.00	3	2	
Audit Committee	Labour	7	4.67	5	5	7
	Conservative		2.33	2	2	
Planning Committee	Labour	7	4.67	5	5	7
	Conservative		2.33	2	2	
Appeals Committee	Labour	6	4.00	4	4	6
	Conservative		2.00	2	2	
Public Protection Sub-Committee	Labour	7	4.67	5	5	7
	Conservative		2.33	2	2	
Chief Officers Employment Committee	Labour	10	6.67	7	7	10
	Conservative		3.33	3	3	
Chief Officers Appointments Sub-Committee	Labour	6	4.00	4	4	6
	Conservative		2.00	2	2	
Chief Officers Disciplinary Sub-Committee	Labour	4	2.67	3	3	4
	Conservative		1.33	1	1	
Chief Officers Appeals Sub-Committee	Labour	4	2.67	3	3	4
	Conservative		1.33	1	1	
Standards Committee	Labour	6	4.00	4	4	6
	Conservative		2.00	2	2	
Total Seats				103		103

Plus 1 Labour to achieve political balance
Minus 1 Conservative to achieve political balance

	Stage 4	Stage 4 (revised)	Stage 3	
Labour	71	69	69	Lab +1
Conservative	32	34	34	Con -1
	103	103	103	

Note 3

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 so a revised stage 4 balances with stage 3. 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 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 continues to equate to a committee of 12: 8 Labour, 4 Conservative.

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.

