

Appendix A - Proportionality Allocations

Changes since Last Political Balance Calculation

It is a legislative duty to review political balance if there have been changes to membership since the last calculation. Since political balance was calculated last, there have been the following changes.

- Cllr Keli Watts (Labour) won the vacant seat in Northall Ward, increasing the number of Labour seats on the Council by one and reducing the number of Conservative seats by one.
- Cllr Melanie Coleman (Conservative) won the vacant seat in Rushden South Ward meaning the number of Conservative seats remained the same.

Political Proportionality for the whole council of 78 members

This table sets out the current political makeup of the Council.

	Number of Members	Percentage
Conservative	57	73.08%
Labour	15	19.23%
Green Alliance	5	6.41%
Independents	1	1.28%
TOTAL	78	100%

Political Proportionality for the recognised groups

Only recognised groups (2 or more members) are entitled to seats on Committees. Independent members could be allocated if there was a unanimous vote of the Council. This table sets out the political makeup of the Council removing the independent member.

Conservative	74.03% (previously 75.33%)
Labour	19.48% (previously 18.18%)
Green Alliance	6.49% (previously 6.49%)
TOTAL	100%

Seats available on Ordinary Committees

The Council has 88 seats available on Ordinary Committees which are Scrutiny Commission (13), Finance and Resources Scrutiny Committee (13), Licensing and Appeals Committee (13), Audit and Governance Committee (10), Democracy and

Standards Committee (13), Employment Committee (13), Strategic Planning Committee (13). The percentages above equate the seats set out in the table below.

Area Committees are excluded from these calculations as it is a legislative requirement that they are based on local political proportionality.

Executive Committees/Advisory Panels are excluded from this calculation as appointments are an Executive function rather than a Council one.

	Allocated Seats
Conservative	65.15 seats (previously 66.29 seats) rounded down to 65 seats
Labour	17.14 seats (previously 15.99 seats) rounded up to 17 seats
Green Alliance	5.71 seats (no change from previously) rounded up to 6 seats
TOTAL	88

Seats available on Area Planning Committees

The Council has 9 seats available on Kettering Area Planning Committee. As the by-election held in Northall Ward is in the geographical area of the Kettering Area Planning Committee a recalculation of local political proportionality is required, which is set out below:-

	Allocated Seats
Conservative	6.75 seats (previously 7.125 seats) rounded up to 7 seats
Labour	0.75 seats (previously 0.375 seats) rounded up to 1 seat
Green Alliance	1.5 seats (previously 1.5 seats) rounded down to 1 seat
TOTAL	9

Recommendations

- a) That in order to maintain political balance on Ordinary Committees, on the Licensing and Appeals Committee the Conservative Group membership reduce by one, with the Labour Group being awarded the vacant seat.

The membership of the Licensing and Appeals Committee to read –

Conservative 9

Labour 3

Green Alliance 1

- b) That in order to maintain political balance on Area Planning Committees, on the Kettering Area Planning Committee the Green Alliance Group membership reduce by one, with the Labour Group being awarded the vacant seat.

The membership of the Kettering Area Planning Committee to read –

Conservative 7

Labour 1

Green Alliance 1