

Appendix A - Proportionality Allocations

Changes since 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 Best (Liberal Democrat) has joined the Green Alliance Group.

Political Proportionality for the whole council of 78 members

This table sets out the political makeup of the Council.

	Number of Members	Percentage
Conservative	58	74.36%
Labour	14	17.95%
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	75.33% (previously 76.32%)
Labour	18.18% (previously 18.42%)
Green Alliance	6.49% (previously 5.26%)
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 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	66.29 seats (previously 67.16) rounded down to 66 seats
Labour	15.99 seats (previously 16.2 seats) rounded up to 16 seats
Green Alliance	5.71 seats (previously 4.62 seats) rounded up to 6 seats
TOTAL	88

Recommendation

That the Conservative Group membership of the Strategic Planning Committee reduce from 10 to 9, with the Green Alliance Group being awarded the vacant seat.

The membership of the Strategic Planning Committee to read –

Conservative 9

Labour 3

Green Alliance 1