

Calculation and Allocation of Seats with regard to the Four Principles

Principle 1:

All seats on a committee cannot be allocated to the same political group.

Each Committee must contain Members from different groups.

Principle 2:

The majority of the seats allocated on any body, including each committee, are allocated to the group, if any, which has a majority on the Council.

No single group has a majority on the Council.

Principle 3:

The number of seats on the total of all committees allocated to each political group bears the same proportion as the proportion the membership of that group has to the membership of the entire Council.

There are 60 seats on all the Council's Committees. There are 36 Members. The proportions for each group as a whole and the number of seats, subject to principles 1 and 2 (and after discussion with the political groups), to be allocated to each group are:

Political Group	Proportion of seat allocation	Total number of seats
Independent Group	9 of 36 = 0.250	15
Conservative Group	12 of 36 = 0.333	20
Liberal Democrat Group	11 of 36 = 0.306	18
Labour Group	2 of 36 = 0.056	3
Green Group	2 of 37 = 0.056	3

Principle 4:

The number of seats on each committee allocated to each group bears the same proportion as the proportion the membership of that group has to the total membership of the entire Council.

Committee name	Proportion of seat allocation	Number of seats
Planning	(11 Seats)	
Independent Group	0.250 = (2.75)	3
Conservative Group	0.333 = (3.67)	4
Liberal Democrat Group	0.306 = (3.36)	3
Labour Group*	0.056 = (0.61)	0
Green Group*	0.056 = (0.61)	0

*One seat remaining to be allocated to either Labour or Green on Planning Committee

Committee name	Proportion of seat allocation	Number of seats
Licensing	(10 Seats)	
Independent Group	0.250 = (2.50)	3
Conservative Group	0.333 = (3.33)	3
Liberal Democrat Group	0.306 = (3.06)	3
Labour Group	0.056 = (0.56)	0
Green Group	0.056 = (0.56)	0

*One seat remaining to be allocated to either Labour or Green on Licensing Committee

Overview and Scrutiny Committee	(12 Seats)	
Independent Group	0.250 = (3.00)	3
Conservative Group	0.333 = (4.00)	4
Liberal Democrat Group	0.306 = (3.67)	3
Labour Group	0.056 = (0.67)	1
Green Group	0.056 = (0.67)	1

Budget Scrutiny Committee	(9 Seats)	
Independent Group	0.250 = (2.25)	2
Conservative Group	0.333 = (3.00)	3
Liberal Democrat Group	0.306 = (2.75)	3
Labour Group	0.056 = (0.50)	0
Green Group	0.056 = (0.50)	0

*One seat remaining to be allocated to either Labour or Green on Licensing Committee

Accounts and Governance	(9 Seats)	
Independent Group	0.250 = (2.25)	2
Conservative Group	0.333 = (3.00)	3
Liberal Democrat Group	0.306 = (2.75)	3
Labour Group	0.056 = (0.50)	0
Green Group	0.056 = (0.50)	0

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Committee name	Proportion of seat allocation	Number of seats
Human Resources and Appeals	(9 Seats)	
Independent Group	$0.250 = (2.25)$	2
Conservative Group	$0.333 = (3.00)$	3
Liberal Democrat Group	$0.306 = (2.75)$	3
Labour Group	$0.056 = (0.50)$	0
Green Group	$0.056 = (0.50)$	0

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on Licensing Committee