

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 38 Members. The proportions for each group as a whole and the number of seats, subject to principles 1 and 2, to be allocated to each group are:

Political Group	Proportionality Calculation			Seats Calculation		Rounded
	Cllrs	Total Cllrs	Proportion	Total	Proportion	
Independent Alliance	5	38	0.131579	60	7.8947368	8
Conservative	12	38	0.315789	60	18.947368	19
Liberal Democrat	12	38	0.315789	60	18.947368	19
Labour	2	38	0.052632	60	3.1578947	3
Green	2	38	0.052632	60	3.1578947	3
Independent Group	5	38	0.131579	60	7.8947368	8
	38		1.000000		60.0000000	60

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.

The table below sets out the allocations for each group to each Committee. The allocations need to be amended to remove roundings as each Committee needs to have a whole number of members.

Appendix 1

Political Group	Proportion	A & G 9	O & S 12	FSC 9	HR&A 9	L C 10	Plan 11	Total 60
Independent Alliance	0.132	1.184	1.579	1.184	1.184	1.316	1.447	7.895
Conservative	0.316	2.842	3.789	2.842	2.842	3.158	3.474	18.947
Liberal Democrat	0.316	2.842	3.789	2.842	2.842	3.158	3.474	18.947
Labour	0.053	0.474	0.632	0.474	0.474	0.526	0.579	3.158
Green	0.053	0.474	0.632	0.474	0.474	0.526	0.579	3.158
Independent Group	0.132	1.184	1.579	1.184	1.184	1.316	1.447	7.895
	1.000	9.000	12.000	9.000	9.000	10.000	11.000	60.000

The table below shows the rounded position.

Political Group	Proportion	A & G 9	O & S 12	FSC 9	HR&A 9	L C 10	Plan 11	Total 60
Independent Alliance	0.132	1	2	1	1	1	1	7
Conservative	0.316	3	4	3	3	3	3	19
Liberal Democrat	0.316	3	4	3	3	3	3	19
Labour	0.053	0	1	0	0	1	1	3
Green	0.053	0	1	0	0	1	1	3
Independent Group	0.132	1	2	1	1	1	1	7
	1.000	8	14	8	8	10	10	58
Key to Roundings		Key to Committees						
Correct		A & G Accounts & Governance						
Not Correct		O & S Overview & Scrutiny						
		FSC Finance Scrutiny Committee						
		HR & A Human Resources & Appeals						
		LC Licencing Committee						
		Plan Planning						

The final table below sets out the allocation of seats to Committees after consultation with group leaders over which groups will take up the additional seats. This resulted in the Independent Group taking their seats on Planning Committee and Finance Scrutiny Committee, and the Independent Alliance taking their two seats on Human Resources and Appeals Committee and Accounts and Governance Committee.

It should be noted that to ensure the outcome for seats calculated in principle 3 are retained, some roundings have to be made to balance the Committee and Political Group numbers i.e. roundings are in the opposite direction to what would normally be expected. A key has been added tracking these roundings.

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Political Group	Proportion	A & G 9	O & S 12	FSC 9	HR&A 9	LC 10	Plan 11	Total 60
Independent Alliance	0.132	2	1	1	2	1	1	8
Conservative	0.342	3	4	3	3	3	3	19
Liberal Democrat	0.316	3	4	3	3	3	3	19
Labour	0.053	0	1	0	0	1	1	3
Green	0.053	0	1	0	0	1	1	3
Independent Group	0.105	1	1	2	1	1	2	8
	1.000	9	12	9	9	10	11	60
<u>Key to Roundings</u>		<u>Key to Committees</u>						
Rounded Down to Balance		A & G	Accounts & Governance					
Rounded Up to Balance		O & S	Overview & Scrutiny					
		FSC	Finance Scrutiny Committee					
		HR & A	Human Resources & Appeals					
		LC	Licencing Committee					
		Plan	Planning					