

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 total, with 37 Members in political groups. 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	37	0.135135	60	8.1081081	8
Conservative	11	37	0.297297	60	17.837838	18
Liberal Democrat	12	37	0.324324	60	19.459459	20
Labour	2	37	0.054054	60	3.2432432	3
Green	2	37	0.054054	60	3.2432432	3
Independent Group	5	37	0.135135	60	8.1081081	8
	37		1.000000		60.0000000	60
Liberal Democrat has been rounded to achieve the full 60 seats.						

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.

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Political Group	Proportion	A & G 9	O & S 12	BPC 9	HR&A 9	L C 10	Plan 11	Total 60	Round 60
Independent Alliance	0.135	1.216	1.622	1.216	1.216	1.351	1.486	8.108	8
Conservative	0.297	2.676	3.568	2.676	2.676	2.973	3.270	17.838	18
Liberal Democrat	0.324	2.919	3.892	2.919	2.919	3.243	3.568	19.459	20
Labour	0.054	0.486	0.649	0.486	0.486	0.541	0.595	3.243	3
Green	0.054	0.486	0.649	0.486	0.486	0.541	0.595	3.243	3
Independent Group	0.135	1.216	1.622	1.216	1.216	1.351	1.486	8.108	8
	1.000	9.000	12.000	9.000	9.000	10.000	11.000	60.000	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	0.135	1	2	1	1	1	1	7	
Conservative	0.297	3	4	3	3	3	3	19	
Liberal Democrat	0.324	3	4	3	3	3	4	20	
Labour	0.054	0	1	0	0	1	1	3	
Green	0.054	0	1	0	0	1	1	3	
Independent Group	0.135	1	2	1	1	1	1	7	
	1.000	8	14	8	8	10	11	59	
<u>Key to Roundings</u>		<u>Key to Committees</u>							
Correct		A & G Accounts & Governance							
Not Correct		O & S Overview & Scrutiny							
		FSC Finance Scrutiny							
		HR & A Human Resources & Appeals							
		LC Licencing Committee							
		Plan Planning							

The table below sets out the allocation of seats to Committees pending feedback from the Independent Alliance and the Independent Group on the additional seats.

It should be noted that to ensure the outcome for seats calculated in principle 3 are retained, some roundings were 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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Conservative	0.297	3	3	3	3	3	3	18
Liberal Democrat	0.324	3	4	3	3	3	4	20
Labour	0.054	0	1	0	0	1	1	3
Green	0.054	0	1	0	0	1	1	3
Independent Group	0.135	1	2	1	1	1	1	7
	1.000	8	13	8	8	10	11	58
Key to Roundings		Key to Committees						
Rounded Down to Balance		A & G Accounts & Governance						
Rounded Up to Balance		O & S Overview & Scrutiny						
		FSC Finance Scrutiny						
		HR & A Human Resources & Appeals						
		LC Licencing Committee						
		Plan Planning						

Working Groups				
Total No seats on each Working Group		11		
Total No of Members		38		
Group	No of Cllrs	%age	Total Seat Allocation	Predicted Allocation
Independent Group	5	0.135	1.49	1
Independent Alliance	5	0.135	1.49	1
Conservative Group	11	0.297	3.27	3
Liberal Democrat Group	12	0.324	3.57	4
Labour	2	0.054	0.59	1
Green	2	0.054	0.59	1
	37			11