

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 36 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	36	0.138889	60	8.3333333	9
Conservative	11	36	0.305556	60	18.3333333	18
Liberal Democrat	12	36	0.3333333	60	20	20
Labour	2	36	0.055556	60	3.3333333	3
Green	2	36	0.055556	60	3.3333333	3
Independent Group	4	36	0.1111111	60	6.6666667	7
	36		1.000000		60.0000000	60
Independent Alliance 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.

Appendix 1

Political Group	Proportion	A & G 9	O & S 12	FSC 9	HR&A 9	LC 10	Plan 11	Total 60	Round 60	Round 60
Independent Alliance	0.139	1.250	1.667	1.250	1.250	1.389	1.528	8.333	9	9
Conservative	0.306	2.750	3.667	2.750	2.750	3.056	3.361	18.333	18	18
Liberal Democrat	0.333	3.000	4.000	3.000	3.000	3.333	3.667	20.000	20	20
Labour	0.056	0.500	0.667	0.500	0.500	0.556	0.611	3.333	3	3
Green	0.056	0.500	0.667	0.500	0.500	0.556	0.611	3.333	3	3
Independent Group	0.111	1.000	1.333	1.000	1.000	1.111	1.222	6.667	7	7
	1.000	9.000	12.000	9.000	9.000	10.000	11.000	60.000	60.000	60.000

The table below sets out the allocation of seats to Committees.

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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Independent Alliance	0.139	1	2	1	2	1	2	9
Conservative	0.306	3	3	3	3	3	3	18
Liberal Democrat	0.333	3	4	3	3	3	4	20
Labour	0.056	0	1	1	0	1	0	3
Green	0.056	1	0	0	0	1	1	3
Independent Group	0.111	1	2	1	1	1	1	7
	1.000	9	12	9	9	10	11	60

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 Committee
		HR & A	Human Resources & Appeals
		LC	Licencing Committee
		Plan	Planning