

## Annex A- Political proportionalities on committees and sub-committee 2025-26

### Committee allocations (for appointment by Council)

Seats on committees are allocated based on the principles set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (Section 15). The allocation of seats to political groups has been reviewed based on the political composition of the Council following the by-election held on 1 May 2025:

Liberal Democrat: 22

Conservative: 13

Labour and Co-Operative: 10

Green: 4

**Table A: Initial seat allocations**

Committee	Seats	Lib Dem	Con	Lab & Co-op	Green	Total	Balance
Audit and Governance	11	5	3	2	1	11	0
Development Control	24	11	6	5	2	24	0
Licensing Committee	11	5	3	2	1	11	0
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	15	7	4	3	1	15	0
Performance and Appointments Committee	5	2	1	1	0	4	-1
Total seats allocated (real entitlement) (rounded entitlement)	66	30 29.63 (30)	17 17.51 (18)	13 13.47 (13)	5 5.39 (5)	65	-1

The Conservative Group has an overall under-allocation of 1 seat. One seat remains unallocated on the Performance and Appointments Committee. The Conservative Group, as the only group with an overall under-allocation gains the vacancy on the Performance and Appointments Committee.

### Steps to allocate remaining seats:

**Table B: Final seat allocation after adjustments**

Committee	Seats	Lib Dem	Con	Lab & Co-op	Green	Total	Balance
Audit and Governance	11	5	3	2	1	11	0
Development Control	24	11	6	5	2	24	0

Licensing Committee	11	5	3	2	1	11	0
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	15	7	4	3	1	15	0
Performance and Appointments Committee	5	2	2	1	0	5	0
Total seats allocated (real entitlement) (rounded entitlement)	66	30 29.63 (30)	18 17.51 (18)	13 13.47 (13)	5 5.39 (5)	66	0

### Sub-Committee allocations (for appointment by committees)

Seats on sub-committees are allocated to groups by the appointing committee. Members of sub-committees must be members of the appointing committee. The initial allocations on sub-committees are as follows:

Sub-Committee	Seats	Lib Dem	Con	Lab & Co-op	Green	Total	Balance
Miscellaneous Licensing (for appointment By Licensing Committee)	5	2	1	1	0	4	-1
Standards (for appointment by Audit & Governance Committee)	5	2	1	1	0	4	-1
Lowlands and Uplands (for appointment by Development Control Committee)	The Uplands and Lowlands sub-committees must have a minimum of 10 members, with the Chair of the Development Control Committee being appointed to both sub-committees and all other members of the Development Control Committee being appointed to either the Uplands or Lowlands sub-committee, depending on the ward they represent. Where wards cross the Lowlands and Uplands boundary the ward member may be appointed to either sub-committee.						

The licensing and standards sub-committees each have one seat vacant after all groups have received their full proportional entitlement of seats.

### Steps to allocate remaining seats:

1. Of the four political groups, the Green Group has the strongest proportional entitlement to the unallocated seat on both the licensing and standards sub-committees (0.41), higher than the Conservative Group (0.33), the Liberal Democrat Group (0.24) and the Labour and Co-Operative Group (0.02).
2. The Green Group gains one seat on each of the licensing and standards sub-committees.

3. The Development Control Committee has previously appointed to the Lowlands and Uplands sub-committees based on ward rather than political balance. This requires a 'nem con' vote at the Development Control Committee (i.e. with no member voting against).

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