

Annex A: Political Proportionalities on Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Groups

Part 1: 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 district council elections held on 7 May 2026:

Liberal Democrat Group: 20
 Conservative Group: 16
 Labour and Co-Operative Group: 8
 Green Party Group: 4
 Non-Grouped* (Reform UK): 1
 Total: 49 Members

A group comprises 2 or more members. Non-grouped members do not have an automatic entitlement to seats on committees but do stand to be offered any seats that remain unallocated once all groups have been allocated their full proportional entitlement of seats.

Table A: Initial committee seat allocations

Committee	Seats	Lib Dem	Con	Lab & Co-op	Green	Total	Balance
Audit and Governance Committee	11	4	4	2	1	11	0
Licensing Committee	11	4	4	2	1	11	0
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	15	6	5	2	1	14	-1
Performance and Appointments Committee	5	2	2	1	0	5	0
Strategic Planning Committee	24	10	8	4	2	24	0
Total seats allocated (real entitlement) (rounded entitlement)	66	26 (26.94) (27)	23 (21.55) (22)	11 (10.78) (11)	5 (5.39) (5)	65	-1

All seats on all committees are allocated except for one seat on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which remains unallocated.

The Conservative Group is allocated one seat more than its overall proportional entitlement.

The Liberal Democrat Group is allocated one seat fewer than its overall proportional entitlement.

Steps to allocate remaining seats (over-allocations are dealt with first):

1. The Conservative Group gives up one seat, having the lowest proportional entitlement to its final seat on Audit and Governance Committee and Licensing Committee. Audit and Governance Committee is chosen. The Conservative Group now has its correct overall proportional entitlement of seats.
2. Of the two unallocated seats (Audit and Governance and Overview and Scrutiny), the Liberal Democrat Group gains the unallocated seat on seat on the Audit and Governance Committee, having the stronger entitlement to that seat (0.49 compared to 0.12). The Liberal Democrat Group now has its correct overall proportional entitlement of seats.
3. The remaining unallocated seat on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is allocated to the non-grouped (Reform UK) member. All seats have now been allocated and all groups have their full proportional entitlement of seats.

Table B: Final committee seat allocations after adjustments

Committee	Seats	Lib Dem	Con	Lab & Co-op	Green	Non-Grouped (Reform)	Total	Balance
Audit and Governance Committee	11	5	3	2	1	0	11	0
Licensing Committee	11	4	4	2	1	0	11	0
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	15	6	5	2	1	1	15	0
Performance and Appointments Committee	5	2	2	1	0	0	5	0
Strategic Planning Committee	24	10	8	4	2	0	24	0
Total seats allocated (real entitlement) (rounded entitlement)	66	27 (26.94) (27)	22 (21.55) (22)	11 (10.78) (11)	5 (5.39) (5)	1 N/A N/A	66 (64.65) (65)	0

Part 2: Working Groups (for appointment by Council)

Council is recommended to establish two working groups and to apply the principles of political proportionality in doing so, subject to all political groups being represented on the Carterton Area Strategy Working Group.

Table C: Seat allocations on working Groups

Working Group	Seats	Lib Dem	Con	Lab & Co-op	Green	Total	Balance
Constitution Working Group	7	3	2	1	1	7	0
Carterton Area Strategy Working Group	6	2	2	1	1	6	0
<i>Executive Member for Carterton Area Strategic Plan to be ex officio member and chair</i>							

Part 3: Sub-Committee allocations (for appointment by committees)

Seats on sub-committees are allocated to political groups by the appointing committee based on the same principles. Members of sub-committees must be members of the appointing committee (shown in brackets). The allocations on sub-committees are as follows:

Table D: Sub-committee seat allocations

Sub-Committee	Seats	Lib Dem	Con	Lab & Co-op	Green	Total	Balance
Development Management Sub-Committee (Strategic Planning Committee)	12	5	4	2	1	12	0
Miscellaneous Licensing (Licensing Committee)	5	2	2	1	0	5	0
Standards (Audit & Governance Committee)	5	2	2	1	0	5	0

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