

Annex A: Political proportionalities on committees 2023-24

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 elections held on 4 May 2023:

Liberal Democrat: 18
 Conservative: 17
 Labour 10
 Green: 3
 Independent (non-grouped): 1

Table A: Initial seat allocations

Committee	Seats	Lib Dem	Con	Labour	Green	Total	Balance
Audit and Governance	17	6	6	3	1	16	-1
Development Control	24	9	8	5	1	23	-1
Licensing Committee	11	4	4	2	1	11	0
Climate and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee	15	6	5	3	1	15	0
Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee	15	6	5	3	1	15	0
Finance and Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee	15	6	5	3	1	15	0
Performance and Appointments Committee	5	2	2	1	0	5	0
Total seats allocated (entitlement)	102	39 (37)	35 (35)	20 (21)	6 (6)	100	0

Steps to allocate remaining seats:

1. Labour Group has an overall under-allocation of one seat and gains an additional seat on Audit and Governance, which has an under-allocation of one seat and to which Labour Group has a minority proportional entitlement (0.47) (Labour Group has no proportional entitlement to an additional seat on Development Control, having been allocated 5 seats against a proportional entitlement of 4.90 seats).
2. Lib Dem Group has an over-allocation of two seats and is requested to offer up two seats for re-allocation (Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee & Audit and Governance).

3. All groups now have their full proportional entitlement of seats. The non-grouped Independent Member is offered the three remaining unallocated seats (Development Control, Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Audit and Governance Committee).

Table B: Final seat allocation after adjustments

Committee	Seats	Lib Dem	Con	Labour	Green	Ind	Total	Balance
Audit and Governance	17	5	6	4	1	1	17	0
Development Control	24	9	8	5	1	1	24	0
Licensing Committee	11	4	4	2	1	0	11	0
Climate and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee	15	6	5	3	1	0	15	0
Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee	15	5	5	3	1	1	15	0
Finance and Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee	15	6	5	3	1	0	15	0
Performance and Appointments Committee	5	2	2	1	0	0	5	0
Total seats allocated	102	37	35	21	6	3	102	0
Rounded entitlement		37	35	21	6	N/A	100	
Real entitlement		37.47	35.39	20.82	6.24	N/A	99.92	
Percentage of seats allocated		(36.27)	(34.3)	(20.6)	(5.9)	(2.94)	100	