

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT, 1989

POLITICAL BALANCE RULES

1. The political balance rules require the Council to allocate places on relevant committees according to the strengths of the political groups on the Council. The rules apply to the following committees. They do not apply to area committees.

2. The political groups and their current strengths are:-

Conservative	25
Labour	15
Liberal Democrat	9

3. As the Conservative Group has a majority on the Council it is entitled under the rules to a majority of the places on each committee. The remaining places are then allocated to the other two groups as far as reasonably practicable to reflect their overall strengths on the Council.

4. The overall allocation of seats in committees is as follows:

<u>Total</u>	Con 33	Labour 19	Lib Dem 12
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5. This is achieved by multiplying the number of committee places (64) by the number of members in the group and then dividing this by the overall number of Councillors (49).

5. Membership of individual committees is as follows:

Policy and Resources Committee (17)

Con 8.67 (9)	Labour 5.20 (5)	Lib Dem 3.12 (3)
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Accounts and Audit Committee (5)

Con 2.55 (3)	Labour 1.53 (1)	Lib Dem 0.91 (1)
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Licensing Committee (15)

Con 7.65 (8)	Labour 4.59 (4)	Lib Dem 2.75 (3)
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Taxi and Other Licensing Committee (9)

Con 4.59 (5)	Labour 2.75 (3)	Lib Dem 1.65 (1)
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Senior Management Appointments Committee (5)

Con 2.55 (3)	Labour 1.53 (1)	Lib Dem 0.91 (1)
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Standards Hearing Committee (5)

Con 2.55 (3)	Labour 1.53 (1)	Lib Dem 0.91 (1)
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Restructuring Committee (5)

Con 2.55 (3) Labour 1.53 (1) Lib Dem 0.91 (1)

Employment Appeals Panel (3)

Con 1.53 (2) Labour 0.91 (1) Lib Dem 0.55 (0)