

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	23
Labour	16
Liberal Democrat	10

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

Total: Con 17 Labour 12 Lib Dem 8

4. This is achieved by multiplying the number of committee places 37 by the number of members in the group and then dividing this by the overall number of Councillors (49).

5. The mathematical allocation gives the Labour Group one more seat than entitled to and the Conservative Group one less seat.

6. Membership of individual committees is as follows:

Policy and Resources Committee (13)

Con 6.10 (6) Labour 4.2 (4) Lib Dem 2.6 (3)

Accounts and Audit Committee (5)

Con 2.3 (2) Labour 1.6 (2) Lib Dem 1.0 (1)

Licensing Committee (11)

Con 5.1 (5) Labour 3.5 (4) Lib Dem 2.2 (2)

Standards Hearing Committee (5)

Con 2.3 (2) Labour 1.6 (2) Lib Dem 1.0 (1)

Employment Appeals Panel (3)

Con 1.4 (1) Labour 0.9 (1) Lib Dem 0.6 (1)