



Supplement for

COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH 2026

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9.	Review of political proportionalities on committees 3 - 4
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Purpose:

To review the political proportionalities on committees following receipt of a notice that a member has joined a group.

Recommendations:

That Council resolves to:

1. Agree the political proportionalities as set out in Annex A.
2. Appoint to any vacant seats on committees in accordance with the wishes of the political group to which the seat has been allocated, as expressed at the meeting

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Annex A: Political proportionalities on committees – March 2026

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-elections held on 22 January 2026 and 12 March 2026:

Liberal Democrats Group: 22

Conservative Group: 10

Green (non-grouped*): 1

Independent (non-grouped*): 1

*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 received their full proportional entitlement of seats.

Changes from the most recent allocations are shown in brackets.

Table 1: Initial seat allocations

Committee	Seats	Lib Dems	Con	Green	Ind	Total	Balance
Overview and Scrutiny	10	6	3	0 (-1)	0	9	-1
Planning and Licensing	11	7	3	0 (-1)	0	10	-1
Performance and Appointments	7	5 (+1)	2	0	0 (-1)	7	0
Audit and Governance	7	5	2	0	0	7	0
Appeals Committee	5	3	1 (-1)	0	0	4	-1
Total seats allocated (entitlement)	40	26(26)	11 (12)	0 (0)	0 (0)	37 (40)	-3

Three seats remain unallocated (Appeals, Overview and Scrutiny, Planning and Licensing) and are offered to non-aligned members. Steps to allocating and filling the remaining seats:

1. The Conservative Group has an overall under-allocation of 1 seat and has the strongest minority entitlement to an additional seat on the Appeals Committee (a seat the Conservative Group currently holds). All groups now have their full proportional entitlement of seats. Two seats remain unallocated and are offered to non-aligned members.

2. Councillor Turner is already a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee so that allocation remains unchanged.
3. Councillor Ind gains the final unallocated seat, on the Planning and Licensing Committee. All seats are now allocated.
4. Liberal Democrats Group to nominate members to vacant seats allocated to the Liberal Democrats Group on Performance and Appointments (1 seat) and Audit and Governance (1 seat).

Table 2: Final seat allocation after adjustments

Committee	Seats	Lib Dems	Con	Green	Ind	Total	Balance
Overview and Scrutiny	10	6	3	1	0	10	0
Planning and Licensing	11	7	3	0	1	11	0
Performance and Appointments	7	5	2	0	0	7	0
Audit and Governance	7	5	2	0	0	7	0
Appeals	5	3	2	0	0	5	0
Total seats allocated	40	26	12	1	1	40	0
Rounded entitlement		26	12	N/A	N/A	38	-2
Real entitlement		25.88	11.76	N/A	N/A	37.64	-2.36
% of seats allocated		65.00	30.00	2.50	2.50	(100)	(0)

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