

Annex A: Political proportionalities on committees 2024-25

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: 21
 Conservative: 9
 Green: 2
 Independent (non-grouped): 2

Table 1: Initial seat allocations

Committee	Seats	Lib Dem	Con	Green	Total	Balance
Overview and Scrutiny	10	6	3	1	10	0
Planning and Licensing	11	7	3	1	11	0
Performance and Appointments	7	4	2	0	6	-1
Audit and Governance	7	4	2	0	6	-1
Total seats allocated (entitlement)	35	21 (22)	10 (9)	2 (2)	33 (35)	-2

Steps to allocate remaining seats:

1. Conservative Group to offer up one seat due to overall over-allocation of one seat (Performance and Appointments).
2. Liberal Democrat Group to select one of three unallocated seats due to an overall under-allocation of one seat (Performance and Appointments).
3. Non-grouped Independent members to be offered the final two unallocated seats (Audit and Governance and Performance and Appointments).

Table 2: Final seat allocation after adjustments

Committee	Seats	Lib Dem	Con	Green	Ind	Total	Balance
Overview and Scrutiny	10	6	3	1	0	10	0
Planning and Licensing	11	7	3	1	0	11	0
Performance and Appointments	7	5	1	0	1	7	0
Audit and Governance	7	4	2	0	1	7	0
Total seats allocated	35	22	9	2	2	35	0
Rounded entitlement	33	22	9	2	N/A	34	-2
Real entitlement	32.94	21.62	9.26	2.06	N/A	33.97	-2.06
% of seats allocated		(62.86)	(25.71)	(5.71)	(5.71)	(100)	(0)