

Annex A: Political proportionalities on committees 2025-26

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 1 May 2025:

Liberal Democrat: 21

Conservative: 10

Green: 2

Independent (non-grouped): 1

Table 1: Initial seat allocations

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

The Liberal Democrat Group has an overall under-allocation of one seat. One seat remains to be allocated on both the Performance and Appointments Committee and the Audit and Governance Committee.

Steps to allocate remaining seats:

1. The Liberal Democrat Group chooses whether to gain one seat on the Performance and Appointments Committee or the Audit and Governance Committee. Liberal Democrat Group chose to gain an additional seat on the Audit and Governance Committee.
2. The final seat, on the Performance and Appointments Committee is allocated to the non-grouped Independent Member*.

*Non-grouped Independent Members have no automatic entitlement to seats on committees but do affect overall proportionality and stand to be offered any seats

left unallocated once all political groups have received their full proportional entitlement.

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	4	2	0	1	7	0
Audit and Governance	7	5	2	0	0	7	0
Total seats allocated	35	22	10	2	1	35	0
Rounded entitlement		22	10	2	N/A	34	-1
Real entitlement		21.62	10.29	2.06	N/A	33.97	-1.03
% of seats allocated		(62.86)	(28.57)	(5.71)	(2.86)	(100)	(0)

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