# Allocation of Seats Political Balance Arrangements Local Government & Housing Act 1989

## 65 ORDINARY COMMITTEE SEATS

### **Ordinary Committees**

Total Membership of Committees:

Scrutiny (Policy & Performance) Committee	10 on 1 Committee	= 10
Scrutiny (Community & Regeneration) Committee	10 on 1 Committee	= 10
Planning Committee	10 on 1 Committee	= 10
Dover Joint Transportation Board	7 on 1 Committee	= 07
Governance Committee	6 on 1 Committee	= 06
Regulatory Committee	5 on 1 Committee	= 05
General Purposes Committee	5 on 1 Committee	= 05
Standards Committee	7 on 1 Committee	= 07
Electoral Matters Committee	5 on 1 Committee	= 05
Total Number of Seats on Committees		= 65

#### Membership of Political Parties as a % of Total Membership

	Number	PCT%
Conservative	25	55.56
Labour	17	37.78
UKIP	3	6.67
Total	45	100.00

#### **Overall Entitlement to Seats**

Conservative	55.56% of 65 seats equals 36.1111	Equals	36 seats
Labour	37.78% of 65 seats equals 24.5556	Equals	25 seats
UKIP	6.67% of 65 seats equals 4.3333	Equals	4 seats
Total			65

#### Allocation of Seats

The initial allocation of seats based on the principles of proportionality allocates 67 out of the 65 seats (38 Conservative Seats, 26 Labour Group seats and 3 UKIP seats). Having allocated seats to committees in accordance with the political balance rules any seats remaining unallocated are allocated to the group with the nearest whole number having regard to the overall proportionality (where possible).

### Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee (10 Seats)

Political Group	Proporti	Proportional Entitlement			
Conservative	55.56%	Equals	5.5556 seats	Equal to	6
Labour	37.78%	Equals	3.7778 seats	Equal to	4
UKIP	6.67%	Equals	0.6667 seats	Equals to	1
Unallocated Seats					0
Total					11

The initial allocation based on proportionality allocates 11 of the 10 seats.

As the Conservative Group has the smallest whole number rounding (.5556 as opposed to .7778 and .6667 respectively) it is proposed that an adjustment be made to reduce the Conservative Group seats by -1 to 5 seats.

The proposed allocation of seats is therefore 5 Conservative, 4 Labour and 1 UKIP (total of 10 seats).

#### Scrutiny (Community & Regeneration) Committee (10 Seats)

Political Group	Proporti	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	55.56%	Equals	5.5556 seats	Equal to	6	
Labour	37.78%	Equals	3.7778 seats	Equal to	4	
UKIP	6.67%	Equals	0.6667 seats	Equals to	1	
Unallocated Seats					0	
Total					11	

The initial allocation based on proportionality allocates 11 of the 10 seats.

As the Conservative Group has the smallest whole number rounding (.5556 as opposed to .7778 and .6667 respectively) it is proposed that an adjustment be made to reduce the Conservative Group seats by -1 to 5 seats.

The proposed allocation of seats is therefore 5 Conservative, 4 Labour and 1 UKIP (total of 10 seats).

#### Planning Committee (10 Seats)

Political Group	Proporti	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	55.56%	Equals	5.5556 seats	Equal to	6	
Labour	37.78%	Equals	3.7778 seats	Equal to	4	
UKIP	6.67%	Equals	0.6667 seats	Equals to	1	
Unallocated Seats					0	
Total					11	

The initial allocation based on proportionality allocates 11 of the 10 seats.

As the Conservative Group seat allocation now matches its overall entitlement with the adjustment to the 2 scrutiny committees, the remaining negative seat adjustment can be made. It is proposed that an adjustment be made to reduce the Labour Group seats by -1 to 3 seats.

The proposed allocation of seats is therefore 6 Conservative, 3 Labour and 1 UKIP (total of 10 seats).

#### Governance Committee (6 Seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	55.56%	Equals	3.3333 seats	Equal to	3
Labour	37.78%	Equals	2.2667 seats	Equal to	2
UKIP	6.67%	Equals	0.4000 seats	Equal to	0
Unallocated Seats					1
Total					6

There is an adjustment of seats required for this committee to allocate the remaining unallocated seat. At .4000 the entitlement for the UKIP group is the nearest whole number when rounded and fulfils the requirement for the remaining adjustment to meet the overall political entitlement of seats.

The proposed allocation of seats is therefore 3 Conservative, 2 Labour and 1 UKIP (total of 6 seats).

#### Dover Joint Transportation Board (7 DDC Seats)

Political Group	Proporti	Proportional Entitlement			
Conservative	55.56%	Equals	3.8889 seats	Equal to	4
Labour	37.78%	Equals	2.6444 seats	Equal to	3
UKIP	6.67%	Equals	0.4667 seats	Equal to	0
Unallocated Seats					0
Total					7

The initial allocation based on proportionality allocates 7 of the 7 seats.

#### Regulatory Committee (5 Seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	55.56%	Equals	2.7778 seats	Equal to	3
Labour	37.78%	Equals	1.8889 seats	Equal to	2
UKIP	6.67%	Equals	0.3333 seats	Equal to	0
Unallocated Seats					0
Total					5

The initial allocation based on proportionality allocates 5 of the 5 seats.

#### General Purposes Committee (5 Seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	55.56%	Equals	2.7778 seats	Equal to	3
Labour	37.78%	Equals	1.8889 seats	Equal to	2
UKIP	6.67%	Equals	0.3333 seats	Equal to	0
Unallocated Seats					0
Total					5

The initial allocation based on proportionality allocates 5 of the 5 seats.

### Electoral Matters Committee (5 Seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	55.56%	Equals	2.7778 seats	Equal to	3
Labour	37.78%	Equals	1.8889 seats	Equal to	2
UKIP	6.67%	Equals	0.3333 seats	Equal to	0
Unallocated Seats					0
Total					5

The initial allocation based on proportionality allocates 5 of the 5 seats.

#### Standards Committee (7 seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	55.56%	Equals	3.8889 seats	Equal to	4
Labour	37.78%	Equals	2.6444 seats	Equal to	3
UKIP	6.67%	Equals	0.4667 seats	Equal to	0
Unallocated Seats					0
Total					7

The initial allocation based on proportionality allocates 7 of the 7 seats.

## Member Appointments Falling Outside Of The Political Balance Rules

#### (a) The Licensing Committee

The Political Balance Rules do not apply to this Committee. In accordance with previous practice it is suggested that the following should be appointed:

Licensing Committee (15 Seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	55.56%	Equals	8.3333 seats	Equal to	8
Labour	37.78%	Equals	5.6667 seats	Equal to	6
UKIP	6.67%	Equals	1.0000 seats	Equal to	1
Total					15

#### (b) The East Kent Shared Services Committee

If proportionality were to be applied to this committee then it would split the seats between the two largest political groups. However, as the committee has no requirement to be politically balanced and the terms of reference of the committee require the appointment to be the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council (as well as the Leader and Deputy Leader for Canterbury City Council and Thanet District Council), the appointments should be made as per the terms of reference.

The East Kent Shared Services Committee (2 seats)

Political Group		
Conservative	Equal to	2
Labour	Equal to	0
UKIP	Equal to	0
Total		2

# (c) Other Bodies – Advisory Bodies Not Open to Public

Joint Staff Consultative Forums (5 seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	55.56%	Equals	2.7778 seats	Equal to	3
Labour	37.78%	Equals	1.8889 seats	Equal to	2
UKIP	6.67%	Equals	0.3333 seats	Equal to	0
Unallocated Seats				•	0
Total					5

Joint Health, Safety and Welfare Consultative Forums (5 seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	55.56%	Equals	2.7778 seats	Equal to	3
Labour	37.78%	Equals	1.8889 seats	Equal to	2
UKIP	6.67%	Equals	0.3333 seats	Equal to	0
Unallocated Seats		·			0
Total					5