

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

65 ORDINARY COMMITTEE SEATS

Ordinary Committees

Total Membership of Committees:

Planning Committee	10 on 1 Committee	= 10
Scrutiny (Policy & Performance) Committee	10 on 1 Committee	= 10
Scrutiny (Community & Regeneration) 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	%
Conservative	26	57.77
Labour	19	42.22
Total	45	100.00

Overall Entitlement to Seats

Conservative	57.77% of 65 seats equals 37.5556	Equals	38 seats
Labour	42.22% of 65 seats equals 27.4444	Equals	27 seats
Total			65

Allocation of Seats

The initial allocation of seats based on the principles of proportionality allocates 65 out of the 65 seats (38 Conservative Seats and 27 Labour Group 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.

Planning Committee (10 Seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	57.77%	Equals	5.7778 seats	Equal to	6
Labour	42.22%	Equals	4.2222 seats	Equal to	4
Unallocated Seats					0
Total					10

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

Scrutiny (Policy and Performance) Committee (10 Seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	57.77%	Equals	5.7778 seats	Equal to	6
Labour	42.22%	Equals	4.2222 seats	Equal to	4
Unallocated Seats					0
Total					10

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

Scrutiny (Community & Regeneration) Committee (10 Seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	57.77%	Equals	5.7778 seats	Equal to	6
Labour	42.22%	Equals	4.2222 seats	Equal to	4
Unallocated Seats					0
Total					10

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

Governance Committee (6 Seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	57.77%	Equals	3.4667 seats	Equal to	3
Labour	42.22%	Equals	2.5333 seats	Equal to	3
Total					6

There is no adjustment of seats required for this committee. At .4667 the entitlement for the Conservative group is rounded down to 3 seats and the .5333 entitlement for the Labour Group is rounded up to 3 seats.

Dover Joint Transportation Board (7 DDC Seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	57.77%	Equals	4.0444 seats	Equal to	4
Labour	42.22%	Equals	2.9556 seats	Equal to	3
Total					7

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

Regulatory Committee (5 Seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	57.77%	Equals	2.8889 seats	Equal to	3
Labour	42.22%	Equals	2.1111 seats	Equal to	2
Total					5

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

General Purposes Committee (5 Seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	57.77%	Equals	2.8889 seats	Equal to	3
Labour	42.22%	Equals	2.1111 seats	Equal to	2
Total					5

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

Electoral Matters Committee (5 Seats)

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	57.77%	Equals	2.8889 seats	Equal to	3
Labour	42.22%	Equals	2.1111 seats	Equal to	2
Total					5

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

Standards Committee

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	57.77%	Equals	4.0444 seats	Equal to	4
Labour	42.22%	Equals	2.9556 seats	Equal to	3
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	57.77%	Equals	8.6667 seats	Equal to	9
Labour	42.22%	Equals	6.3333 seats	Equal to	6
Total					15

(c) The East Kent (Joint Arrangements) Committee

If proportionality were to be applied to this committee then it would split the seats between both 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, it is proposed that the appointments be made as per the terms of reference.

The East Kent (Joint Arrangements) Committee

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

(d) Other Bodies – Advisory Bodies Not Open to Public*Joint Staff Consultative Forums*

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	57.77%	Equals	2.8889 seats	Equal to	3
Labour	42.22%	Equals	2.1111 seats	Equal to	2
Total					5

Joint Health, Safety and Welfare Consultative Forums

Political Group	Proportional Entitlement				
Conservative	57.77%	Equals	2.8889 seats	Equal to	3
Labour	42.22%	Equals	2.1111 seats	Equal to	2
Total					5