

Single Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 1.1 As political balance applies to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the four principles will need to be applied.

1st Principle: **That not all seats on the body are allocated to the same political group**

- 1.2 The determinations set out in this Appendix are consistent with this principle.

2nd Principle **The majority of the seats on the body is allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group is a majority of the authority's membership**

- 1.3 The Conservative Group is the majority (17 or more councillors) of the Council's membership with representing 59.38% (19 out of 32 councillors) of the Council's total membership. This would result in the following allocation to give them a majority of the seats on the body:

Committee	CON
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (10 seats)	6

3rd Principle: **Subject to [the first two principles], that the number of seats on the ordinary committees of a relevant authority which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on the ordinary committees of that authority as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority**

- 1.4 This does not apply as the bodies in question are not ordinary committees.

4th Principle: **Subject to [principles 1-3 above], that the number of seats on the body which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that body as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority**

- 1.5 When applied to the non-ordinary committee this would result in the following determination:

Committee	CON	LAB (37.50%)	Allocated Seats	Actual Seats	Unallocated
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	6	3 (3.75)	9	10	1

- 1.6 The remaining seats on the bodies are allocated to the Non-Aligned Members in accordance with section 16(2A) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, resulting in a final determination as follows, resulting in a final determination as follows:

Committee	CON	LAB	NAM	Allocated Seats	Actual Seats	Unallocated
Overview and Scrutiny Committee	6	3	1	10	10	0

- 1.7 Council will need to vote on the allocation of each seat to non-aligned members on an individual basis in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 18.7. However, as there is only one non-aligned member the seat can only be allocated to that non-aligned member.