

Annual Council 16th May 2006 - Agenda Item 12

Political Balance Calculations

A. Allocation of seats to all Committees to achieve proportionality

Political Group entitlement to all seats = 116.

Group	% of seats	Total seats
Conservative	59.57446	69
Labour	21.27659	25
Liberal Democrat	17.02127	20
Independent Cllr	02.12765	2
Total	99.99997	116

B. Allocation of seats to Committees

NB - Community Plan and Community Safety Scrutiny Panels have been combined to one Panel in these calculations as indicated by the Executive/Conservative Group.

Committee	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Ind.	Total
2 x 15 Committees	(18)	(6)	(5)	(1)	(30)
Licensing	9	3	2	1	15
Planning Committee	9	3	3	-	15
7 x 9 Scrutiny Panel/Committees: -	(38)	(13)	(11)	(1)	(63)
Coord. Scrutiny	5	2	2	-	9
Comm. Scrutiny (combined)	6	2	1	-	9
Economy and Admin.Scrutiny	5	2	2	-	9
Env. and Sust. Scrutiny	6	2	1	-	9
Assets	5	2	2	-	9
Audit	5#	#2	1	1	9
Hackney Carriage	5	2	2	-	9
1 x 8 Swale Festival Panel/Culture Panel	5	2	1	0	8
1 x 10 Local Plan Panel	6	2	2	0	10
1 x 5 Salary and Cond. Panel	3	1	1	0	5
Totals from above	#70	#24	20	1	115
Total seats across all Committees	69	25	20	2	116

To achieve balance the Conservative gifted a seat to the Labour Group on the Audit Committee. Full details of Committee membership, based on the above allocations, are attached to this report.

C. Committees not included in the Balance Calculations

The Allocation of seats to Area Forum, the Rural Forum and Area Grants Committees have not been included in these calculations as membership is based on the ward. Nominations to working groups are not included as these are not committees.

Licensing Sub-Committees (3 members) selected from the Licensing Committee will be broadly balanced where possible.

The Standards Committee cannot be balanced due to its constitution. Similarly the Joint Transportation Board cannot be overall balanced due to the way the KCC Members are appointed (by Divisions).

Committee	Con	Lab	LD	Ind	Total
1 x Standards (5 members)	3	1	1	0	5
1 x JTB (7 members)	5	1	1	0	7

Recommendation

The Council is asked to:

1. Agree the Political Balance of the Authority for its Committees as set out in this report.
2. Agree the membership of Committees, Panels, Working Groups, etc as set out in the attached document.

PART 7 – POLITICAL MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

7.1 MEMBERSHIP OF EXECUTIVE, PANELS, COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Key: S - Spokesperson, C - Chairman, VC - Vice-Chairman

Assets and Disposals Committee

Membership = 9 Quorum = 3

Conservative (5)	Labour (2)	Liberal Democrat (2)	Independent (0)
Councillor Sue Gent	Councillor Simon Clark	Councillor Brenda Hammond	
Councillor Mulhern	Councillor Worrall (S)	Councillor Manuela Tomes	
Councillor Brenda Simpson (C)			
Councillor Tovey			
Councillor Anita Walker (VC)			

Audit Committee

Membership = 9 Quorum = 3

Conservative (5)	Labour (2)	Liberal Democrat (1)	Independent (1)
Councillor Mike Cosgrove	Councillor Harrison	Councillor Woodland	Councillor Chris Boden
Councillor John Disney	Councillor Mike Haywood		
Councillor Fentiman			
Councillor Prescott (VC)			
Councillor Brenda Simpson (C)			

Benefits Working Group

Membership = 3 Quorum = 2

Conservative (1)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (1)	Independent (0)
Councillor Christine Coles	Councillor Vacancy	Councillor Manuela Tomes	

Best Value Member Working Group

Membership = 5 Quorum = 2

Conservative (3)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (1)	Independent (0)
Councillor Mike Cosgrove (C)	Councillor Simon Clark	Councillor Brenda Hammond	
Councillor Sue Gent			
Councillor Adrian Crowther			

Co-ordinating Scrutiny Panel

Membership = 9 Quorum = 3 Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be elected at first meeting.

Conservative (5)	Labour (2)	Liberal Democrat (2)
Councillor Bobbin	Councillor Harrison (VC)	Councillor Mike Brown (C)
Councillor Sandra Garside	Councillor Roger Truelove	Councillor Stuart Davidson
Councillor Mulhern		
Councillor Prescott		
Councillor Alan Willicombe		

Community Scrutiny Panel (formerly Community Plan and Community Safety Scrutiny Panels)

Membership = 9

Quorum = 3

Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be elected at first meeting.

Conservative (6)	Labour (2)	Liberal Democrat (1)
Councillor Christine Coles	Councillor Fiona Gowdy	Councillor Mike Brown
Councillor Adrian Crowther	Councillor Mike Haywood (C)	
Councillor Mulhern		
Councillor Ken Pugh		
Councillor Ben Stokes		
Councillor Anita Walker		

Culture Panel (formerly Swale Festival Panel)

Membership = 8

Quorum = 3

Conservative (5)	Labour (2)	Liberal Democrat (1)	Independent (0)
Councillor Christine Coles	Councillor Jackie Constable	Councillor Manuella Tomes	
Councillor Sandra Garside	Councillor Mark Ellen		
Councillor Gerry Lewin			
Councillor Mulhern			
Councillor Anita Walker			

Economy and Administration Scrutiny Panel

Membership = 9

Quorum = 3

Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be elected at first meeting.

Conservative (5)	Labour (2)	Liberal Democrat (2)
Councillor Barnicott	Councillor Roger Truelove (C)	Councillor Elvina Lowe
Councillor Fentiman	Councillor Ghlin Whelan	Councillor Woodland
Councillor Prescott		
Councillor Brenda Simpson		
Councillor Tovey		

Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Panel

Membership = 9

Quorum = 3

Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be elected at first meeting.

Conservative (6)	Labour (2)	Liberal Democrat (1)
Councillor Bobbin	Councillor Jackie Constable (VC)	Councillor Dave Manning
Councillor Cindy Davis	Councillor Mark Ellen	
Councillor John Disney		
Councillor David Garside		
Councillor Sandra Garside		
Councillor Sue Gent		

Emergency Committee

Membership = 4

Quorum = 2

The Group Leaders and the Deputy Leader of the Majority Group, or their substitutes.

Conservative (2)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (1)	Independent (0)
Councillor Bowles	Councillor Harrison	Councillor Elvina Lowe	
Councillor Gerry Lewin			

Executive

Membership = 7

Quorum = 3

Leader and Executive Member for Economic Regeneration : Councillor Bowles

Executive Member for Strategic Planning and Culture : Councillor Gerry Lewin

Executive Member for Environment : Councillor Martin Goodhew

Executive Member for Housing : Councillor David Simmons

Executive Member for Finance and Performance : Councillor Mike Cosgrove

Executive Member for Rural Affairs : Councillor Jordan

Executive Member for Community Partnerships : Councillor John Wright

Auxiliary Executive Members

(Appointed by the Majority Group on an informal basis)

Auxiliary Member for Economic Regeneration : Councillor

Auxiliary Member for Strategic Planning and Culture : Councillor

Auxiliary Member for Environment : Councillor

Auxiliary Member for Housing : Councillor

Auxiliary Member for Finance and Performance : Councillor

Auxiliary Member for Rural Affairs : Councillor

Auxiliary Member for Community Partnerships : Councillor

Faversham and Swale East Area Forum

Membership = 12 (Plus Invited Members of the Executive)

Quorum = 4 (Not including invited Executive Members)

Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be elected at first meeting.

Conservative (12)	Labour (0)	Liberal Democrat (0)
Councillor Barnicott		
Councillor Bobbin		
Councillor Bowles		
Councillor Mike Cosgrove		
Councillor Cindy Davis (C)		
Councillor John Disney		
Councillor Fentiman		
Councillor Mulhern		
Councillor Prescott		
Councillor David Simmons		
Councillor Tovey		
Councillor Anita Walker		

Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles Committee

Membership = 9

Quorum = 3

Conservative (5)	Labour (2)	Liberal Democrat (2)	Independent (0)
Councillor Barnicott	Councillor Simon Clark	Councillor Dave Banks	
Councillor Bobbin (VC)	Councillor Vacancy	Councillor Manning	
Councillor Christine Coles			
Councillor Fentiman (C)			
Councillor Mulhern			

Halfway Unparished Area Grants Committee

Membership = 9 (including Executive Members)

Quorum = 3

Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be elected at first meeting.

Conservative (7)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (0)	Independent (0)
Councillor Andrew Bowles	Councillor Jackie Constable		
Councillor Mike Cosgrove			
Councillor David Garside			
Councillor Martin Goodhew			
Councillor Jordan			
Councillor Gerry Lewin			
Councillor David Simmons			
Councillor John Wright			

Health and Safety Committee

Membership = Comprises of Safety and Management Representatives and the following Councillors:

Quorum = 2 Councillors

Conservative (1)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (0)	Independent (0)
Councillor Mulhern	Councillor Vacancy	Previously Councillor Brenda Hammond	

Joint Building in Quality Working Group

Membership = 3

Quorum = 2

Conservative (1)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (1)	Independent (0)
Councillor Barnicott (C)	Councillor Simon Clark	Councillor Woodland	

Licensing Committee

Membership = 15

Quorum = 5

Conservative (9)	Labour (3)	Liberal Democrat (2)	Independent (1)
Councillor Barnicott	Councillor Simon Clark	Councillor Brenda Hammond	Councillor Chris Boden
Councillor Bobbin	Councillor Harrison	Councillor Woodland	
Councillor Adrian Crowther (C)	Councillor Vacancy		
Councillor Sandra Garside			
Councillor Gerry Lewin			
Councillor Prescott			
Councillor Anita Walker			
Councillor Alan Willicombe (VC)			
Councillor John Wright			

Local Joint Committee

Membership = 2

Quorum = 2

Conservative (1)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (0)	Independent (0)
Councillor Mulhern	Councillor Vacancy	Previously Councillor Woodland	

Local Plan Panel

Membership = 10

Quorum = 4

Conservative (6)	Labour (2)	Liberal Democrat (2)	Independent (0)
Councillor John Disney	Councillor Simon Clark	Councillor Elvina Lowe	
Councillor Gerry Lewin (C)	Councillor Jennie Ronan	Councillor Woodland	
Councillor Mulhern (VC)			
Councillor Ken Pugh			
Councillor Tovey			
Councillor John Wright			

Member Development Working Group

Membership = 3

No Quorum

Conservative (1)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (1)	Independent (0)
Councillor Fentiman	Councillor Vacancy	Councillor Brenda Hammond	

On-Street Parking Review Working Group

To be reconstituted on the basis of the area to be reviewed.

Planning Committee

Membership = 15

Quorum = 5

Conservative (9)	Labour (3)	Liberal Democrat (3)	Independent (0)
Councillor Barnicott (C)	Councillor Simon Clark (S)	Councillor Mike Brown	
Councillor Christine Coles	Councillor Fiona Gowdy	Councillor Elvina Lowe	
Councillor Adrian Crowther	Councillor Jennie Ronan	Councillor Woodland	
Councillor John Disney			
Councillor Sandra Garside			
Councillor Prescott (VC)			
Councillor Ben Stokes			
Councillor Alan Willicombe			
Councillor Jean Willicombe			

Queenborough Fishery Trust and Swale Recreation Trust - Groups Appointed To Discharge the Council's Trusteeship Function

Membership = 7

Quorum = 3

Swale East (x2): Councillor Barnicott and Councillor Fentiman

Swale West (x2) : Councillor Gareth Randall and Councillor John Wright

Sheppey (x2) : The following Councillors have been nominated:

Councillor David Garside, Councillor Ken Pugh
Councillor Mike Brown
Councillor Worrall

Queenborough and Halfway Ward : Councillor Martin Goodhew

Salary and Conditions Panel

Membership = 5

Quorum = 2

Conservative (3)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (1)	Independent (0)
Councillor Mike Cosgrove	Councillor Worrall	Councillor Brenda Hammond	
Councillor Jordan			
Councillor Mulhern			

Sittingbourne and Swale West Area Forum

Membership = 21 (Plus Invited Members of the Executive)
Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be elected at first meeting.

Quorum = 7 (Not including invited Executive Members)

Conservative (9)	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrat (7)	Independent (0)
Councillor Sue Gent	Councillor Simon Clark	Councillor Dave Banks	
Councillor Don Jordan	Councillor Fiona Gowdy	Councillor Stuart Davidson	
Councillor Gerry Lewin	Councillor Mike Haywood	Councillor Brenda Hammond (C)	
Councillor Gareth Randall	Councillor Roger Truelove	Councillor Elvina Lowe	
Councillor Brenda Simpson	Councillor Ghlin Whelan	Councillor Manning	
Councillor Ben Stokes		Councillor Manuella Tomes	
Councillor Alan Willicombe (C)		Councillor Woodland	
Councillor Jean Willicombe			
Councillor John Wright			

Sittingbourne, Kemsley & Milton Regis Unparished Area Grants Committee

Membership = 24 (including Executive Members)
Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be elected at first meeting.

Quorum = 8

Conservative (13)	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrat (6)	Independent (0)
Councillor Bowles	Councillor Simon Clark	Councillor Dave Banks	
Councillor Mike Cosgrove	Councillor Fiona Gowdy	Councillor Stuart Davidson	
Councillor Sue Gent	Councillor Mike Haywood	Councillor Brenda Hammond	
Councillor Martin Goodhew	Councillor Roger Truelove	Councillor Elvina Lowe	
Councillor Don Jordan	Councillor Ghlin Whelan	Councillor Manning	
Councillor Gerry Lewin		Councillor Manuella Tomes	
Councillor Gareth Randall			
Councillor David Simmons			
Councillor Brenda Simpson			
Councillor Ben Stokes			
Councillor Alan Willicombe			
Councillor Jean Willicombe			
Councillor John Wright			

Sheppey Area Forum

Membership = 14 (Plus Invited Members of the Executive)
Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be elected at first meeting.

Quorum = 5 (Not including invited Executive Members)

Conservative (7)	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrat (1)	Independent (1)
Councillor Christine Coles	Councillor Jackie Constable	Councillor Mike Brown	Councillor Chris Boden
Councillor Adrian Crowther (C)	Councillor Mark Ellen		
Councillor David Garside	Councillor Harrison		
Councillor Sandra Garside	Councillor Jennie Ronan		
Councillor Martin Goodhew	Councillor Worrall		
Councillor John Morris			
Councillor Ken Pugh			

Sheerness Unparished Area Grants Committee

Membership = 12 (including Executive Members)
Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be elected at first meeting.

Quorum = 4

Conservative (7)	Labour (5)	Liberal Democrat (0)	Independent (0)
Councillor Andrew Bowles	Councillor Mark Ellen		
Councillor Mike Cosgrove	Councillor Harrison		
Councillor Martin Goodhew	Councillor Jennie Ronan		
Councillor Jordan	Councillor Worrall		
Councillor Gerry Lewin			
Councillor David Simmons			
Councillor John Wright			

Standards Committee

Membership = 9

Quorum = 3

Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be elected at first meeting.

1 Parish Council representative (or his/her substitute), 3 Independent Members, Maximum of 5 Borough Councillors

Conservative (3)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (1)	Independent (0)
Councillor Mike Cosgrove	Councillor Jackie Constable	Councillor Brenda Hammond (VC)	
Councillor Cindy Davis			
Councillor David Simmons			

Swale Joint Transportation Board

Membership = 15

Quorum = 4 (2 from each Council)

Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be elected at first meeting.

(Chairman and Vice-Chairman to rotate annually between SBC and KCC)

Kent County Councillors (7) (Bowles, Adrian Crowther, Ferrin, Gates, Harrison and Roger Truelove)

Kent Association of Parish Councils representative (1) (Councillor Mrs A Lewis)

Conservative (5)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (1)	Independent (0)
Councillor Christine Coles	Councillor Ghlin Whelan	Councillor Mike Brown	
Councillor Prescott			
Councillor Gareth Randall			
Councillor Alan Willicombe			
Councillor John Wright (VC)			

Swale Rural Forum

Membership = 14

Quorum = 5

Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be elected at first meeting.

(Councillors from the Wards in the Leader+ Programme Area and the Borden Ward and the Executive Member for Rural Affairs), Kent Association of Parish Councils representatives (3) (Councillors D Caveney, D Dewar-Whalley and M Woods), Swale National Farmers Union representatives (3) (Mr K Attwood, Mr A Brookes and Mr J Holroyd), (1) Representative from the Diocese of Canterbury (Reverend W Hornsby), Other representatives (maximum of 10) (Mr P Cumberland - Chairman Swale Tourism Association, Mr C Davies - Director Kent Rural Community Council, Mrs N Kemp - Rural Policy Officer Kent County Council, Mrs L Newton - Swale Tourism Association, Mr C Rayment - Rural Action Business in the Community and Ms S Stoneham - Strategic Planning Kent County Council).

Conservative (12)	Labour (0)	Liberal Democrat (1)	Independent (1)
Councillor Barnicott		Councillor Woodland	Councillor Chris Boden
Councillor Bobbin			
Councillor Bowles			
Councillor Christine Coles			
Councillor John Disney			
Councillor Sandra Garside (VC)			
Councillor Jordan (C)			
Councillor Gerry Lewin			
Councillor John Morris			
Councillor Prescott			
Councillor Ben Stokes			
Councillor John Wright			

Waste Working Group

Membership = 2

Quorum = 2

Conservative (1)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (0)	Independent (0)
Councillor Martin Goodhew (C)	Councillor Vacancy		

Website Working Group

Membership = 3

Quorum = 2

Conservative (1)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (1)	Independent (0)
Councillor Fentiman	Councillor Haywood	Councillor Stuart Davidson	