

Political Balance Calculations (Version 4)**A. Allocation of seats**

Overall Balance in relation to No. of seats		
Conservative	60.85	61
Labour	23.40	23
Liberal Democrat	14.04	14
Independent	11.70	12
Total Number of Seats		110

Committee	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Independent	Total
1 x 17 seat Committee Planning	9	4	2	2	17
1 x 15 seat Committee Licensing	8	3	2	2	15
8 x 9 seat Panels/ Committees	(40)	(15)	(9)	(8)	72
Co-ordinating Scrutiny	5	2	1	1	
Community Scrutiny	5	2	1	1	
Economy Scrutiny	5	2	1	1	
Environment Scrutiny	5	2	1	1	
Audit	5	2	1	1	
Hackney Carriages	6*	2	1	0*	
Culture Panel	5	2	1	1	
LDF/Local Plan Panel	5	1	2	1	
1 x 6 seat Committee Emergency Committee (see B below)	3	1	1	1	6
TOTAL	60*	23	14	13* <i>Independent Group need to gift a seat to the Conservative Group to correct overall balance</i>	110

B. Emergency Committee

The Council will need to agree amended terms of reference for the Emergency Committee. Its existing terms of reference provides that membership will comprise of Group Leaders on the Council and the Deputy Leader of the Majority Group, or their substitutes.

The proposed terms of reference is as follows: -

Membership to comprise of 6 senior Members, as nominated by their respective Group Leaders. Substitutes will be permitted if agreed by their Group Leader. Leader and Deputy Leader of the Majority Group, or their substitutes, to be Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.

C. Other Committees

The Standards Committee cannot be balanced due to its constitution, where Independent Members are required to have 25% of the overall membership of that Committee. This means that currently, the *maximum* number of seats that the Borough Council may appoint is 9.

Similarly, the JTB cannot be overall balanced due to the way the KCC Members are appointed; by division.

Committee	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Independent	Total
Standards - 5 seats	3	1	1	0	5
Swale JTB	4	1	1	1	7

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