

Political Balance Calculations**Annual Council - 18 May 2011****A. Political Balance Calculations**

Party Group	Conservative		Labour		Independent Group		Total		
	Strict Entitlement	Rounded Entitlement	Strict Entitlement	Rounded Entitlement	Strict Entitlement	Rounded Entitlement	Strict Entitlement	Rounded Entitlement	
Number of members	32		13		2		47		
Overall proportionality	0.680851		0.276596		0.042553		1		
Total entitlement	61.276596		24.893617		3.829787		90.000000		
Total Rounded Entitlement	61		25		4		90.000000		
Committees	Size of Committee	Strict Entitlement	Rounded Entitlement	Strict Entitlement	Rounded Entitlement	Strict Entitlement	Rounded Entitlement	Strict Entitlement	Rounded Entitlement
Planning Committee	17	11.5744681	11	4.70212766	5	0.72340426	1	17.000000	17
General Licensing Committee	10	6.80851064	7	2.76595745	3	0.42553191	0	10.000000	10
Policy Overview Committee	13	8.85106383	9	3.59574468	4	0.55319149	0	13.000000	13
Scrutiny Committee	11	7.4893617	8	3.04255319	3	0.46808511	0	11.000000	11
Audit	9	6.12765957	6	2.4893617	3	0.38297872	0	9.000000	9
General Purposes	9	6.12765957	6	2.4893617	3	0.38297872	0	9.000000	9
Emergency Committee	6	4.08510638	4	1.65957447	2	0.25531915	0	6.000000	6
Licensing Act 2003	15	10.212766	10	4.14893617	4	0.63829787	1	15.000000	15
Total Seats	90	61.2765957	61	24.893617	27	3.82978723	2	90.000000	90

*The Labour Group will need to decide which two seats they wish to gift to the Independent Group to achieve overall political balance.

B. Seats not included in political balance calculation

- The Standards Committee does not need to comply with section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act, as Independent Members are required to have 25% of the overall membership of that Committee.
- The Joint Transportation Board cannot be overall balanced due to the way the KCC Members are appointed, by division.
- The Local Engagement Forums cannot be balanced as their membership is based on wards and also includes KCC and voluntary representatives.
- The Local Development Framework Panel is not required to be politically balanced because the Panel's functions are Executive functions and their membership means that they are not covered by Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, therefore section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act does not apply.

The table below is therefore intended to show an indication of the political balance to assist Members:

Committee	Conservative	Labour	Independent Group
Standards - 6 seats	4 (4.13106)	2 (1.659576)	0 (0.255318)
Swale JTB - 7 seats	5 (4.81957)	2 (1.936172)	0 (0.297871)
Local Development Framework Panel - 9 seats	6 (6.19659)	3 (2.489364)	0 (0.382977)