

APPOINTMENT AND CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES 2012/2013

- (1) This note advises on the allocation of committee places to political groups in the light of the relative strength of the groups, which, following the two by-elections on 17 January 2013 and the resignation of one Conservative Councillor is as follows:

Conservative	22 seats	33.33%
Labour	36 seats	54.55%
Liberal Democrat	7 seats	10.61%
Vacant	1 seat	1.51%
	66 seats	Totals 100.00%

- (2) If these percentages are amended as a percentage of the 65 currently filled seats they would be

Conservative	22 seats	33.85%
Labour	36 seats	55.39%
Liberal Democrat	7 seats	10.76%

Allocation of Committee Places

- (3) Applying the percentages in (2) above to the overall number of committee places (Members of the Cabinet are not included in those calculations) and based upon a total of **132** committee places, the three political groups would be entitled to a **total** of committee places as shown below:

Conservative	44.68 rounded up to	45
Labour	73.12 rounded down to	73
Liberal Democrat	14.22 rounded down to	14

However, with Labour entitled, as the majority Group on the Council, to a majority on each Committee it is recommended that the number of Committee places be reduced by one to **131**, with an allocation of Committee places as follows:

Conservative	44.34 rounded down to	44
Labour	72.56 rounded up to	73
Liberal Democrat	14.11 rounded down to	14

Proposal

- (4) The proposal which enables the least disruption in terms of the current arrangements and which achieves political proportionality is for the Labour Group to lose one Committee place. With Labour entitled to a majority on each Committee, it is recommended that one of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees of 10 members be reduced to a Committee of 9 Members with Labour losing one place, on either the Economy and Regeneration, Sustainable Communities or Council Excellence O&S Committees.

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Places</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Lab</u>	<u>L/Dem</u>
Standards	9	3	5	1
Audit and Risk Management	9	3	5	1
Employment and Appointments	9	3	5	1
Licensing Act 2003 Committee	15	5	8	2
Licensing, Health & Safety etc.	11	4	6	1
Pensions	11	4	6	1
Planning	11	4	6	1
Children & Young People	9	3	5	1
Economy & Regeneration	10	3	6	1
Health & Well Being	9	3	5	1
Sustainable Communities	10	3	6	1
Council Excellence	10	3	6	1
Scrutiny Programme Board	9	3	5	1
<u>Total</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>14</u>
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- (5) A further calculation on the allocation of committee places will be undertaken following the by-election on 28 February, 2013.