

APPOINTMENT AND CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES 2015/2016

- (1) This note advises on the allocation of committee places to political groups and representation on the joint authorities in the light of the relative strength of the groups for the municipal year 2015/16 following the 7 May 2015 election:

Labour	39 seats	59.1 %
Conservative	21 seats	31.82 %
Liberal Democrat	5 seats	7.57 %
Green	1 seat	1.51 %
	66 seats Totals	100.00%

Allocation of Committee Places

- (2) Applying the percentages in (1) above to the overall number of committee places (Members of the Cabinet are not included in those calculations) and based upon a total of **133** committee places, the three political groups and the Green Party member would be entitled to a **total** of committees places as shown below:

Labour	78.6 rounded up to	79
Conservative	42.32 rounded down to	42
Liberal Democrat	10.07 rounded down to	10
Green	2.01 rounded down to	2

- (3) Applying the arithmetical entitlement to **individual** committees would result in the following allocations:

Committee	Places	Lab	Con	L/Dem	Green
Standards & Constitutional etc.	9	5	3	1	
Audit and Risk Management	9	5	3	1	
Employment and Appointments	8	5	2	1	
Licensing Act 2003 Committee	15	10 9(+1)	4	1 2(-1)	
Licensing, Health & Safety etc.	9	5	3	1	
Pensions	10	6	3	0 4 (-1)	1(+1)
Planning	13	7	4	1	1
Policy & Performance:					
Families & Wellbeing	15	9 8(+1)	5	1	0 4(-1)
Policy & Performance:					
Transformation & Resources	15	9	5	1	
Policy & Performance:					
Regeneration & Environment	15	9	5	1	
Policy & Performance					
Co-ordinating Committee	15	9	5	1	
Total	133	77	42	12	2
		(+2)		(-2)	
	133	79	42	10	2

- (4) For two committees an arithmetical adjustment has had to be made to enable the Green Member to have his entitlement of 2 committee places. The Labour Group are entitled to an extra 2 committee places up from 77 to 79 and the Liberal Democrat Group's entitlement has reduced from 12 to a total of 10 Committee places so adjustments have also been made to three committees with one of these committees now having no Liberal Democrat representation.
- (5) These adjustments have been made in light of the requirement for the Labour Group, as the majority group on the Council, to maintain an overall majority on each committee and for each group's entitlement to committee places to be in accordance with those figures set out in (2) above.

Joint Authorities

- (6) Appointments to outside organisations (see report elsewhere on this agenda) requires that appointments to the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority (4 places) and the Merseytravel Committee of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (4 places) should be made so as to reflect the political composition of the Council.