

APPOINTMENT AND CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES 2017/2018 (EXTRA OSC TTEE)

- (1) This note advises on the allocation of committee places to political groups in light of the relative strength of the groups for the municipal year 2017/18 and if the proposed revision to the number of scrutiny committees is agreed.

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 (with the two new Adult Care and Health and Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committees replacing the former People Overview and Scrutiny Committee, if each of these committees had 15 Members), the three political groups and the Green Party member would be entitled to a **total** number 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
Audit and Risk Management	9	5	3	1	
Employment and Appointments	8	5	2	1	
Licensing Act 2003	15	10	4	1	
Licensing, Health & Safety and General Purposes	9	5	3	1	
Pensions	10	6	3	0	1
Planning	13	7	4	1	1
Standards & Constitutional Oversight	9	5	3	1	

Overview & Scrutiny: Business	15	9	5	1	
Overview & Scrutiny: Environment	15	9	5	1	
Overview & Scrutiny: Adult Care and Health	15	9	5	1	
Overview & Scrutiny: Children and Families	15	9	5	1	
Total	133	79	42	10	2

- (4) If the four Overview and Scrutiny Committees were appointed with 11 Members on each Committee then the total number of Committee places available would be 117 (see table below). Applying the percentages in (1) above to this number of Committee places would result in the three political groups and Green Party Member's entitlement being:

Labour	69.15	rounded down to	69
Conservative	37.23	rounded down to	37
Liberal Democrat	8.86	rounded up to	9
Green	1.77	rounded up to	2

Overview & Scrutiny: Business	11	7	3	1	
Overview & Scrutiny: Environment	11	7	3	1	
Overview & Scrutiny: Adult Care and Health	11	7	3	1	
Overview & Scrutiny: Children and Families	11	7	3	1	
Total	117	71	34	10	2

Based on the current allocation of Committee places, the **Labour Group would have two more committee places than it was entitled to**, the **Conservative Group, three less places than it was entitled to** and the **Liberal Democrat Group one more place than it was entitled to**. Ensuring that the Labour Group maintains an overall majority on all Committees, as it is entitled to, could mean one less Labour Member on the Licensing Act 2003 Committee with the Conservative Group gaining one place but also the Conservative Group would need to take two more places on one of the regulatory committees and / or one or more of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees at the expense of a Labour Group place and a Liberal Democrat Group place.

Additional scenarios for the sizes of committees and the allocation of committee places will be available at the meeting.

- (5) For two committees an arithmetical adjustment has been made to enable the Green Member to have his entitlement of 2 committee places.

- (6) These adjustments are made with regard to 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) or (4) (above).
- (7) Furthermore these calculations are also subject to the outcome of the Claughton bye-election.