



Meeting of the

Tower Hamlets Council

Tabled papers – Update to Proportionality Report

Wednesday, 20 November 2024 at 7.00 p.m.

VENUE

Council Chamber,
Whitechapel Town Hall
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Supplemental Agenda

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7.00 p.m.

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| 10 .4 Proportionality and Allocation of Places on Committees of the Council 2024/25 | 3 - 6 |
| To consider the updated report of the Director of Legal and Monitoring Officer on the proportionality calculations for the Council's Committees. | |



Update to report Report 10.4 – Proportionality and Allocation of Places on Committees 2024/25 – version showing changes from original report

Since the original report was published, Councillor Sabina Khan has joined the Aspire Group from the Labour Group. This therefore requires an update to the proportionality figures set out in the original report.

The political composition of the Council is therefore as follows:

GROUP	SEATS (on Council)	PROPORTION ON COUNCIL	ENTITLEMENT (to seats on Committees)
Aspire	22	48.89%	37.64 (38)
Labour	16	35.56%	27.38 (27)
Ungrouped	7	0*	12 (remainder)
	45		77

* Ungrouped Councillors are not included in the proportionality calculation. As two Councillors are required to form a group the Conservative, Green and Independent Councillors are included in the 'ungrouped' designation above.

Allocation of Places on Committees

- 3.5 According to the above calculation the Aspire Group are now entitled to 38 seats and the Labour Group are entitled to 27 with the remainder (12) being available for ungrouped Members.
- 3.6 Applying the above principles, the proposed allocation of places on the Committees established by the Council for the remainder of the municipal year 2024/25 and covered by the requirement for proportionality, are listed below. The allocations for the remainder of the municipal year or until the next review of proportionality, whichever is the sooner, is as follows:

(Changes from original report)

Committee	Total	Aspire	Labour	Ungrouped
Licensing Committee	15	7	5 (-1)	3 (+1)
Overview and Scrutiny (plus 2 co-optees)	11	5	4	2
Strategic Development Committee	9	4	3	2
General Purposes Committee	9	4	3	2
Audit Committee	7	4 (+1)	3	(-1)
Human Resources Committee	7	4	3	
Development Committee	7	4 (+1)	2 (-1)	1
Pensions Committee	7	3	2	2
Standards Advisory Committee (plus 5 co-optees)	5	3	2	
TOTALS	77	38	27	12

- 3.7 This will result in the allocation of all committee places amongst the political groups in accordance with the rules set out in the 1989 Act.
- 3.9 It is for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to agree arrangements for its own sub-committees and the changes in proportionality now result in Sub-Committees which are balanced as follows:

Committee	Total	Aspire	Labour	Ungrouped
Scrutiny Sub-Committee	7	3	2 (-1)	2 (+1)

Revised Recommendations

Council is recommended to:

1. Review and agree the changes to the proportionality calculations and allocation of places on Committees for the remainder of the 2024/25 Municipal year.
2. To note that the Monitoring Officer is authorised to approve the appointment of Councillors required to fill positions that fall vacant during the municipal year in line with the proportionality arrangements set out in this report from nominations received from the political groups.
3. To note that the Monitoring Officer is authorised to approve the appointment of ungrouped Councillors to any committee places not allocated by the Council to a political group, after consultation with those Councillors and the Speaker of the Council where there is only one application for the position (where there is more than one application these will be presented to Council for decision).

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