

Update to report Report 10.1 – Proportionality and Allocation of Places on Committees 2024/25

Since the original report was published, two Councillors have left the Aspire 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	21	46.67%	35.94 (36)
Labour	17	37.78%	29.09 (29)
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 no longer the majority group and so there is no longer a requirement for them to have a majority on each of the individual Committees. The number of seats allocated to the group therefore drops from 43 to 36 (-7) and the number of seats allocated to ungrouped Members increases to 12 (+7). Although the overall Labour figures haven't changed, the updated calculations do create a slight adjustment to where their seats are allocated.

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:

Committee	Total	Aspire	Labour	Ungrouped
Licensing Committee	15	7 8	6 5	2
Overview and Scrutiny (plus 2 co-optees)	11	5 6	4	2 1
Strategic Development Committee	9	4 5	3	2 1
General Purposes Committee	9	4 5	3	2 1
Audit Committee	7	3-4	3	1
Human Resources Committee	7	4	3	
Development Committee	7	3-4	3	1
Pensions Committee	7	3-4	2 3	2
Standards Advisory Committee (plus 5 co-optees)	5	3	2	
TOTALS	77	36 43	29	12 5

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.

~~3.8 On this occasion, due to the requirements set out in Paragraph 3.5, the above calculations result in no changes to political proportionality.~~

3.9 It is for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to agree arrangements for its own sub-committees but no changes are required following the above and so the Sub-Committees remain and the changes in proportionality now result in Sub-Committees which are balanced as follows:

Committee	Total	Aspire	Labour	Ungrouped
Scrutiny Sub-Committee	7	3-4	3	1 0