

Appendix 1 - Political balance calculations - Annual Council 2026

	Seats on Council Jan 2026	Proportion on Council			Actual Ord Committee allocations Oct 2025	allocation of Ordinary Committee seats May 2026
Total seats	37			Total seats	56	66
Labour Group	22	59.46%		Labour Group	35	42
Independent Group	11	29.73%		Independent Group	17	20
Conservative	1	2.70%		Conservative	3	0
Reform	2	5.41%		Reform	1	4
Independent (RW)	1	2.70%		Independent (RW)	0	0
		100.00%			56	66

	Actual Scrutiny allocation Oct 2025	Proposed Scrutiny allocation May 2026
Total seats	29	29
Labour Group	17	17
Independent Group	10	9
Conservative	2	1
Reform	0	2
Independent (RW)	0	0
	29	29

Ordinary Committees	Total seats on Ord Committees	Labour Group		Independent Group		Conservative		Reform		Independent (RW)		Total seats allocated
		Proportion of seats	Allocated Seats	Proportion of seats	Allocated Seats	Proportion of seats	Allocated Seats	Proportion of seats	Allocated Seats	Proportion of seats	Allocated Seats	
Employee Appeals Committee	3	1.78	2	0.89	1	0.08	0	0.16	0	0.08	0	3
General Licensing Committee	10	5.95	6	2.97	3	0.27	0	0.54	1	0.27	0	10
Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee	10	5.95	6	2.97	3	0.27	0	0.54	1	0.27	0	10
Planning Committee	10	5.95	6	2.97	4	0.27	0	0.54	0	0.27	0	10
Safety Committee	5	2.97	3	1.49	2	0.14	0	0.27	0	0.14	0	5
Standards Committee	6	3.57	4	1.78	1	0.16	0	0.32	1	0.16	0	6
Audit Committee	6	3.57	4	1.78	1	0.16	0	0.32	1	0.16	0	6
Union/Employee Consultation Committee	6	3.57	4	1.78	2	0.16	0	0.32	0	0.16	0	6
Investigating & Disciplinary Committee	3	1.78	2	0.89	1	0.08	0	0.16	0	0.08	0	3
Grievance Committee	3	1.78	2	0.89	1	0.08	0	0.16	0	0.08	0	3
Employment & Appeals Committee	4	2.38	3	1.19	1	0.11	0	0.22	0	0.11	0	4
Total Seats on Ordinary Committees	66	39.24	42	19.62	20	1.78	0	3.57	4	1.78	0	66

Scrutiny Committees	Total seats on Committee	Labour Group		Independent Group		Conservative		Reform		Independent (RW)		Total seats allocated
		Proportion of seats	Allocated Seats	Proportion of seats	Allocated Seats	Proportion of seats	Allocated Seats	Proportion of seats	Allocated Seats	Proportion of seats	Allocated Seats	
Customer Services Scrutiny Committee	7	4.16	4	2.08	2	0.19	0	0.38	1	0.19	0	7
Local Growth Scrutiny Committee	7	4.16	4	2.08	2	0.19	1	0.38	0	0.19	0	7
Finance and Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee	8	4.76	5	2.38	3	0.22	0	0.43	0	0.22	0	8
Climate Change and Communities Scrutiny Committee	7	4.16	4	2.08	2	0.19	0	0.38	1	0.19	0	7
Total Scrutiny seats	29	17.24	17	8.62	9	0.78	1	1.57	2	0.78	0	29

Tables below not included in the overall allocation of available committee seats and not subject to Political Balance requirements

Advisory/Working Groups**	Total seats on Group	Labour Group		Independent Group		Conservative		Reform		Independent (RW)		Total seats allocated
		Proportion of seats	Allocated Seats	Proportion of seats	Allocated Seats	Proportion of seats	Allocated Seats	Proportion of seats	Allocated Seats	Proportion of seats	Allocated Seats	
Member Development Working Group	7	4.16	4	2.08	2	0.19	0	0.38	1	0.19	0	7
Local Plan Implementation Advisory Group	10	5.95	6	2.97	4	0.27	0	0.54	0	0.27	0	10
Pleasley Park and Vale Conservation Area Joint Working Group	5	2.97	3	1.49	2	0.14	0	0.27	0	0.14	0	5
Housing Liaison Board	5	2.97	3	1.49	2	0.14	0	0.27	0	0.14	0	5
Total seats	27	16.05	16	8.03	10	0.73	0	1.46	1	0.73	0	27

**Note - allocated proportionally but not included in proportionality calculations

Joint Committees*	Total seats on Committee	Labour Group		Independent Group		Conservative		Reform		Planning Committee		Total seats allocated
		Proportion of seats	Allocated Seats	Proportion of seats	Allocated Seats	Proportion of seats	Allocated Seats	Proportion of seats	Allocated Seats	Proportion of seats	Allocated Seats	
Joint ICT	3	1.78	3	0.89		0.08	0	0.16	0			3

* Note – For political balance to apply, there must be at least three seats to be filled on joint committees (excl executive committees)