



## Annual Council Meeting – 20 May 2026

### Liberal Democrats Group amendment Agenda Item 9 – Representation of Political Groups on Committees

#### Size of Committees to which the political balance rules will apply

- 1.1 Section 3.6 within the report on the Representation of Political Groups on Committees (published as Agenda Item 9 on the Annual Council agenda) includes details within Table 1 of the 5 ordinary committees of the Council to which the political balance rules apply including the size of each committee and the total number of seats required to be allocated to each group, reflecting the overall percentage of membership on the Council.
- 1.2 The Liberal Democrats Group have put forward a proposed amendment to the size of committees and proposed allocation of seats listed in Table 1 of the report, based on the total number of seats to be allocated being reduced to 35.
- 1.3 On the basis of the proposed amendment, the breakdown regarding the proportion of seats each political group is entitled to (based on their percentage of total council membership) would be as follows:
  - Labour Group – 15.96 seats = 16 seats
  - Conservative Group – 6.75 seats = 7 seats
  - Liberal Democrat Group – 6.75 seats = 7 seats
  - Green Group – 5.52 seats = 5 seats

Total allocated seats = 35

1.4 Under the amendment the allocation of seats is therefore proposed as follows:

Table 1

<b>Ordinary Committees</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Labour Group 26 45.61%</b>	<b>Conservative Group 11 19.30%</b>	<b>Liberal Democrats Group 11 19.30%</b>	<b>Green Group 9 15.79%</b>
General Purposes Committee	<b>6</b> (↓ from 8)	3	1	1	1
Planning Committee	<b>9</b> (↑ from 8)	4	2	2	1
Audit & Standards Committee	<b>6</b> (↓ from 7)	3	1	1	1
Corporate Parenting Committee	5	2	1	1	1
Licensing Committee	<b>9</b> (↓ from 10)	4	2	2	1
<b>Total seats</b>	<b>35</b> (↓ from 38)	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>

1. 5. Under the amendment the allocation of seats within Table 2 is therefore proposed as follows:

**Table 2 (Other Committees)**

<b>Other Committees</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Labour Group 26 45.61%</b>	<b>Conservative Group 11 19.30%</b>	<b>Liberal Democrats Group 11 19.30%</b>	<b>Green Group 9 15.79%</b>
Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee	11 (plus 4 voting co-opted members and 2 non-voting co-opted members)	5	2	2	2
Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny	11	5	2	2	2
Audit & Standards Advisory Committee	<b>6</b> (↓ from 7)	3	1	1	1

1.6 The amended allocation of seats between Committees in Table 1 & Table 2 comply with legal requirements.

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