

APPENDIX A - COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND PROPORTIONALITY



I. LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS OF PROPORTIONALITY

1. Section 15 (5) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 imposes a duty on Councils to review the representation of different political groups on bodies to which the Council makes appointments. The Act requires that the review should be held at the Annual General Meeting or as soon as practicable after that meeting or when the membership of the Council changes.
2. The Act provides four principles concerning political representation that must be observed when conducting a review. These are:
 - a) that not all the seats on committees are allocated to the same political group;
 - b) that the majority of the seats on each committee are allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group are a majority of the authority's membership;
 - c) subject to (a) and (b), that the number of seats on committees which are allocated to each group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on committees of the council as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority, and
 - d) Subject to (a) to (c) above, that the number of seats on each committee which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that committee as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority.
3. The legislation provides that the Council may make alternative arrangements to the 'proportionality' principles only by a unanimous vote, with no member voting against.
4. The Committees and Panels to which the provisions of Section 15 of the Act apply, and the recommended allocation of seats on each, applying the principles of the Act as closely as is reasonably practicable, are shown in Section 2 below. The recommended allocation of seats reflects the four proportionality principles so far as reasonably practicable.

2. OVERALL PROPORTIONALITY 2025/2026 - NUMBER OF SEATS ON COUNCIL

Group	May 2025
Labour	39 (68.42%)
Conservative	7 (12.28 %)
The Independents	7 (12.28 %)
Green	2 (3.51%)
Independent Councillor	1 (1.75%)
Liberal Democrat Councillor	1 (1.75%)

* There are 57 members on Plymouth City Council. The Local Government and Housing Act 1989, which sets out how seats should be allocated to members on a Council, describes the distribution of seats between the political Groups into which the Council has divided itself. There is no seat entitlement to members who are not in a Group. The definition of what constitutes a group on a Council is covered in The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 and can be found in the following link <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukssi/1990/1553/part/III/made>

A single representative does not constitute a Group which is defined as a number of persons bound together by common interests. As such, a single Member is not entitled to any Committee seats. This is consistent with practice previously employed by the Council in similar circumstances.

I. The application of the legislative principles is set out below:

Local Government Act 1989 – Principles	Is this principle met?
a. that not all the seats on committees are allocated to the same political group	Yes
b. that the majority of the seats on each committee are allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group are a majority of the authority's membership;	Yes
c. subject to (a) and (b), that the number of seats on committees which are allocated to each group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on committees of the council as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority;	Yes as far as reasonably practical.
d. Subject to (a) to (c) above, that the number of seats on each committee which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that committee as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority.	Yes, as far as reasonably practicable.

	Labour	Conservative	Green	Independent Group	Total Seats	Allocated Seats
Councillors	39 (68.42 %)	7.00 (12.28%)	2.00 (3.51%)	7.00 (12.28%)		
Planning Committee	9	1	0	3	13	13
Taxi Licensing Committee	5	1	0	1	7	7
Licensing Committee	9	2	0	2	13	13
Chief Officer Appointments Panel	5	1	0	1	7	7
Chief Officer Disciplinary Panel	3	1	0	0	4	4
Chief Officer Appeals Panel	3	1	0	0	4	4
Audit and Governance Committee	4	1	0	1	6	6
Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry JC	3	1	0	1	5	5
Devon and Somerset Fire Authority	3	0	0	1	4	4
Scrutiny Management Board	8	1	1	1	11	11
Natural Infrastructure and Growth Scrutiny Panel	8	1	1	1	11	11
Housing and Community Services Scrutiny panel	8	1	1	1	11	11
Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel	8	1	1	1	11	11
Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel	8	1	1	1	11	11
Standards Committee	3	1	0	1	5	5
Lord Mayors Selection Committee	4	1	1	1	7	7
Seats allocated	91	16	6	17	130	130

Regulatory Committees

Planning Committee
Thirteen councillors (proportional)
1. Councillor Bill Stevens (Chair)
2. Councillor Angela Penrose (Vice Chair)
3. Councillor Sarah Allen
4. Councillor Anne Freeman
5. Councillor Jeremy Goslin
6. Councillor Josh McCarty
7. Councillor Paul McNamara
8. Councillor Matt Smith
9. Councillor Tina Tuohy
10. Councillor Patrick Nicholson
11. Councillor Maddi Bridgeman
12. Councillor Andrea Loveridge
13. Councillor Ian Darcy
Any councillor may act as a substitute member provided that they have undergone the Council's prescribed planning training.

Taxi Licensing Committee
Seven councillors (proportional)
1. Councillor Keith Moore (Chair)
2. Councillor Anne Freeman (Vice Chair)
3. Councillor Lindsay Gilmour
4. Councillor Ray Morton
5. Councillor Alison Raynsford
6. Councillor Andy Lugger
7. Councillor Sally Nicholson
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Licensing Committee	
Thirteen councillors (proportional)	
1. Councillor Neil Hendy (Chair)	
2. Councillor Maria Lawson (Vice Chair)	
3. Councillor Jaime Bannerman	
4. Councillor Jon Dingle	
5. Councillor Stefan Krizanac	
6. Councillor Paul McNamara	
7. Councillor Alison Simpson	
8. Councillor Matt Smith	
9. Councillor Kate Taylor	
10. Councillor Andy Lugger	
11. Councillor Lee Finn	
12. Councillor Sally Nicholson	
13. Councillor Carol Ney	
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Audit and Governance Committee
Six councillors (proportional)
1. Councillor Sarah Allen (Chair)
2. Councillor Chris Cuddihee
3. Councillor Alison Raynsford
4. Councillor Kevin Sproston
5. Councillor Lee Finn (Vice Chair)
6. Councillor Patrick Nicholson
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Scrutiny Management Board and Panels

Scrutiny Management Board	
Eleven councillors (proportional) (Largest Group Chair)	
1.	Councillor Mark Coker (Chair)
2.	Councillor Lewis Allison
3.	Councillor Tess Blight
4.	Councillor Lindsay Gilmour
5.	Councillor Charlotte Holloway
6.	Councillor Pauline Murphy
7.	Councillor Anne Freeman
8.	Councillor Daniel Steel
9.	Councillor Ian Poyser
10.	Councillor Lee Finn (Vice Chair)
11.	Councillor Steve Ricketts
With the exception of Cabinet Members, any councillor may act as a substitute member	

Housing and Community Services Scrutiny Panel	
Eleven councillors (proportional) (Opposition Group Chair)	
1. Councillor Lindsay Gilmour (Vice Chair)	
2. Councillor Lewis Allison	
3. Councillor Mark Coker	
4. Councillor Chris Cuddihee	
5. Councillor Jon Dingle	
6. Councillor Anne Freeman	
7. Councillor Angela Penrose	
8. Councillor Bill Stevens	
9. Councillor Lee Finn (Chair)	
10. Councillor Ian Poyser	
11. Councillor Andrea Loveridge	
With the exception of Cabinet Members, any councillor may act as a substitute member	

Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel	
Eleven councillors (proportional) (Largest Group Chair)	
1. Councillor Tess Blight (Chair)	
2. Councillor Lewis Allison	
3. Councillor Stefan Krizanac	
4. Councillor Paul McNamara	
5. Councillor Will Noble	
6. Councillor Bill Stevens	
7. Councillor Daniel Steel	
8. Councillor Kate Taylor	
9. Councillor Chris Wood (Vice Chair)	
10. Councillor Lauren McLay	
11. Councillor Carol Ney	
With the exception of Cabinet Members, any councillor may act as a substitute member	

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel	
Eleven councillors (proportional) (Largest Group Chair)	
1. Councillor Pauline Murphy (Chair)	
2. Councillor Maria Lawson	
3. Councillor Keith Moore	
4. Councillor Ray Morton	
5. Councillor Will Noble	
6. Councillor Angela Penrose	
7. Councillor Alison Simpson	
8. Councillor Tina Tuohy	
9. Councillor Andy Lugger	
10. Councillor Lauren McLay	
11. Councillor Carol Ney (Vice-Chair)	
With the exception of Cabinet Members, any councillor may act as a substitute member	

Natural Infrastructure and Growth Scrutiny Panel	
Eleven councillors (proportional) (Opposition Group Chair)	
1. Councillor Charlotte Holloway (Vice Chair)	
2. Councillor Sarah Allen	
3. Councillor Jaime Bannerman	
4. Councillor Jeremy Goslin	
5. Councillor Josh McCarty	
6. Councillor Alison Raynsford	
7. Councillor Matt Smith	
8. Councillor Kevin Sproston	
9. Councillor Ian Darcy	
10. Councillor Lauren McLay	
11. Councillor Steve Ricketts (Chair)	
With the exception of Cabinet Members, any councillor may act as a substitute member	

Chief Officer Panels

Chief Officer Appointments Panel
Seven councillors (proportional)
1. Councillor Tudor Evans (Chair)
2. Councillor Mary Aspinall
3. Councillor Tess Blight
4. Councillor Mark Coker
5. Councillor Jemima Laing
6. Councillor Andy Lugger
7. Councillor Terri Beer
Cabinet Members must not be in the majority on the panel
Any councillor may act as a substitute member provided that they have undergone the Council's prescribed personnel training
Chief Officer Disciplinary Panel
Four councillors (proportional)
1. Councillor Alison Raynsford (Chair)
2. Councillor Tess Blight
3. Councillor Chris Cuddihee
4. Councillor Andy Lugger
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Chief Officer Appeals Panel
Four councillors (proportional)
1. Councillor Sue Dann (Chair)
2. Councillor Sarah Allen
3. Councillor Mark Lowry
4. Councillor Andy Lugger
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Joint Committees / Authorities

Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee

Five councillors (proportional)

1. Councillor Anne Freeman (Co – Chair)

2. Councillor Jon Dingle

3. Councillor John Stephens

4. Councillor Sally Nicholson

5. Councillor Chris Wood

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority

Four councillors (proportional)

1. Councillor Neil Hendy

2. Councillor Josh McCarty

3. Councillor Will Noble

4. Councillor Terri Beer

Other Committees

Lord Mayor Selection and Advisory Committee	
Seven councillors (proportional)	
1.	Councillor Sue Dann (Chair)
2.	Councillor Mary Aspinall
3.	Councillor Pauline Murphy
4.	Councillor Tina Tuohy
5.	Councillor Andy Lugger
6.	Councillor Terri Beer
7.	Councillor Ian Poyser

Standards Committee	
Five councillors (proportional)	
1.	Councillor Neil Hendy
2.	Councillor Alison Raynsford
3.	Councillor Alison Simpson
4.	Councillor Maddi Bridgeman
5.	Councillor Andy Lugger

Health and Wellbeing Board	
Four councillors (not proportional)	
1.	Councillor Mary Aspinall (Chair)
2.	Councillor Jemima Laing
3.	Councillor Andy Lugger
4.	Councillor Patrick Nicholson