

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES 2012/13



Committee	Lab Seats	Con Seats	Total
Planning	7	5	12
Taxi Licensing	4	3	7
Licensing	8	7	15
Chief Officer Appointments, Appeals and Disciplinary Panels	4	3	7
Audit	3	2	5
Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry *	2	3	5
Overview and Scrutiny Management Board	7	5	12
Children and Young People Services OSP	6	5	11
Customers and Communities OSP	6	5	11
Growth and Prosperity OSP	6	5	11
Health and Adult Social Care OSP	6	5	11
Support Services OSP	6	5	11
Total	65	53	118
Other Committees			
Standards Committee	3	2	5
Devon Audit Partnership (not proportional)	2	-	2
Joint Health Scrutiny (not proportional)	2	1	3
Employment Liaison Committee	3	2	5

Note *: Seats transferred between groups to provide balance as far as is reasonably practicable.

The method of calculating the seats on Committees is attached for information.

CALCULATION OF POLITICAL BALANCE ON COMMITTEES 2012/13

Percentage representation on the Council

Party	Membership	Percentage
Labour	31	54.39%
Conservative	26	45.61%
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	57	100%

Total number of seats on committees to be allocated -

Committee	Membership
Planning	12
Taxi Licensing	7
Licensing	15
Chief Officer Appointments, Appeals and Disciplinary Panels	7
Audit	5
Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry	5
Overview and Scrutiny Management Board	12
Children and Young People Services OSP	11
Customers and Communities OSP	11
Growth and Prosperity OSP	11
Health and Adult Social Care OSP	11
Support Services OSP	11
Total	118

The principles of the allocation of seats to political groups

Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations, the City Council has a duty to review the representation of different political groups at its Annual Meeting in respect of bodies to which the section applies. Section 15 provides that, in performing this duty, the council has a duty to make only such determinations as give effect so far as reasonably practicable to the following principles:

- (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.

The application of those principles is set out below

Principle (a) – The seats will be allocated amongst the Labour and Conservative groups

Principle (b) – As the majority group, the Labour group will receive the majority of seats on each committee

Principle (c) The allocation of seats on all committees is based on the group's percentage of total Council membership is as set out below

Party	Percentage	Seats
Labour	54.39%	64
Conservative	45.61%	54

Principle (d) Subject to (a) to (c), each group has the same proportion of seats on each committee as it holds on the Council as a whole

Committee	Lab		Cons		Total
	Seats	Seat entitlement	Seats	Seat entitlement	
Planning	7	6.53	5	5.47	12
Taxi Licensing	4	3.81	3	3.19	7
Licensing	8	8.16	7	6.84	15
Chief Officer Appointments, Appeals and Disciplinary Panels	4	3.81	3	3.19	7
Audit	3	2.72	2	2.28	5
Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry	3	2.72	2	2.28	5
Overview and Scrutiny Management Board	7	6.53	5	5.47	12
Children and Young People Services OSP	6	5.98	5	5.47	11
Customers and Communities OSP	6	5.98	5	5.47	11
Growth and Prosperity OSP	6	5.98	5	5.47	11
Health and Adult Social Care OSP	6	5.98	5	5.47	11
Support Services OSP	6	5.98	5	5.47	11
Total	66		52		118

So far as is reasonably practicable, proportionality has been achieved.

Note:

It should be noted that the Standards Committee, Devon Audit Partnership, Joint Health Scrutiny Committee and the Employment Liaison Committee do not fall under these statutory rules and have therefore not been included in the political balance calculations. However the Council has previously decided that the seats on the Standards Committee should be allocated on the basis of political balance, at 3 Labour and 2 Conservative Councillors.