

Supplementary Agenda No.1

**MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL**



Thursday, 27th February, 2020

7.00 pm

**Council Chamber
Thanet District Council
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You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the Thanet District Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent on Thursday, 27 February 2020 at 7.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the business mentioned below.

Timothy Howes

Director of Corporate Governance

To: The Members of Thanet District Council

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QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Council **27 February 2020**

Report Author **Committee Services Manager**

Portfolio Holder **Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance and Coastal Development**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Key Decision **No**

Executive Summary:

The Leader and Cabinet Members will receive questions from the press and public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.

Recommendation(s):

This report is for information.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	There are no identified financial implications from this report.	
Legal	There are no legal implications directly from this report.	
Corporate	Council Procedure Rule 13 affords members of the public the opportunity to ask questions of Members of the Cabinet at ordinary meetings of the Council.	
Equalities Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	
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	Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	
There are no specific equity and equality issues arising from this report.		

CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant) ✓	
Growth	
Environment	
Communities	✓

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 Council Procedure Rule 13 enables members of the public may ask questions of members of the Cabinet at ordinary meetings of the Council.
- 1.2 Any questions received in accordance with the Council’s constitution will be available to view on the Council website:
<https://www.thanet.gov.uk/info-pages/speaking-at-council-meetings/>
- 1.3 Under Council Procedure Rule 13.6, the Chairman will invite the questioner to put their question to the Member named in the notice. If the questioner is not present, the question shall not be put and shall be answered in writing.
- 1.4 Under Council Procedure Rule 13.7, if the Member to whom the question is directed is present they will provide an oral answer. If that Member is not present, the question will be answered by the Leader or another Member nominated by the Leader for the purpose unless it is inappropriate for the Leader to give an oral answer or to nominate another Member to give an oral answer, in which case the question will be dealt with by a written answer.
- 1.5 The total time devoted to questions from the press and public shall not exceed 30 minutes. Any question which cannot be dealt with during that time will be replied to in writing.

Contact Officer:	Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager
Reporting to:	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

Annex List

None	N/A
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Matt Sanham, Corporate Finance Manager
Legal	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

Questions From Members of the Council

Council	27 February 2020
Report Author	Committee Services Manager
Portfolio Holder	Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance and Coastal Development
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No

Executive Summary:

The Leader, Cabinet Members and Chairman of any Committee or Sub-Committee will receive questions from Members of the Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.

Recommendation(s):

This report is for information.

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Financial and Value for Money	There are no identified financial implications from this report.	
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	Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	
There are no specific equity and equality issues arising from this report.		

CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant) ✓	
Growth	
Environment	
Communities	✓

1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 Council Procedure Rule 14.3 states that a Member of the Council may ask

- a Member of the Cabinet; or
- the Chairman of any Committee or Sub-Committee

A question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the district.

1.2 Council Procedure Rule 14.7 states that an answer may take the form of:

- a) a direct oral answer;
- b) where the desired information is in a publication of the Council or other published work, a reference to that publication; or
- c) where the reply cannot conveniently be given orally, a written answer circulated within three working days to the questioner.

1.3 A Member may, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.8, ask one supplementary question without notice to the Member to whom the first question was asked. The supplemental question must arise directly out of the original question or the reply.

1.4 The questioner shall have two minutes for the initial question and one minute for the supplementary question and the respondent shall have five minutes for the initial reply and two minutes for the supplementary reply. (Council Procedure Rule 14.9 refers)

1.5 The total time devoted to questions from Members of the Council shall not exceed 30 minutes. Any question which cannot be dealt with during that time will be replied to in writing.

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Reporting to:	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance

Annex List

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Background Papers

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Corporate Consultation

Finance	Chris Blundell, Head of Financial Services
Legal	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

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Council Tax Resolution 2020-21

Council	27 February 2020
Report Author	Tim Willis, Deputy Chief Executive and S151 officer
Portfolio Holder	Cllr Rob Yates, Cabinet Member for Financial Services and Estates
Status	For Decision
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	Yes
Reasons for Key	Budget and Policy Framework
Ward:	All Wards

Executive Summary:

This report enables the Council to set the Council Tax for 2020-21 for each part of its area, after taking into account the precepts of the Kent County Council, Kent Police and Crime Commissioner and Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Service.

Recommendations:

- (i) That Members approve the Thanet District Council element of Council Tax charges as set out below for the listed property bands:

COUNCIL TAX PER PROPERTY BAND FOR 2020-21								
BAND	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Proportion of band D	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9
Annual Charge	158.76	185.22	211.68	238.14	291.06	343.98	396.90	476.28

- (ii) That Members approve the determinations at Section 1 of this report.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	The financial implications for the General Fund are laid out in the budget report that went to Council on 6th February 2020.
Legal	The Local Government Finance Act 1992 requires that the above statutory resolution be made. The requirements of other relevant statute have been referenced within the body of this report, where relevant.
Corporate	Corporate priorities can only be delivered with robust finances. The budget and the level of reserves recommended are believed to be sufficient to meet these priorities and develop Services.

Equalities Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	<p>Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.</p> <p>Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.</p>						
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CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant) ✓	
A clean and welcoming Environment	✓
Promoting inward investment and job creation	✓
Supporting neighbourhoods	✓

CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant) ✓	
Delivering value for money	✓
Supporting the workforce	✓
Promoting open communications	✓

1.1 Council Tax Setting

1.2 At the Cabinet meeting on 14 January 2020, Cabinet approved the formal resolution determining the Council Tax Base for 2020-21. It has been determined that the Council Tax Base for the whole Council area is 44,546.40, calculated in accordance with Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, The calculation of the Tax Base has been undertaken in accordance with the current Regulations, “Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012 (SI: 2012:2914)”, which came into force in November 2012 as amended (the “Act”). The Council Tax requirement for the council’s own purposes for 2020-21 (excluding Parish precepts) is £10,608,280. This is determined after taking into account the council’s allocation of business rates, revenue support grant and the council’s share of the Collection Fund surplus. The calculation for 2020-21 is set out in Table 1.

Table 1 - CALCULATION OF COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT FOR 2020-21

	£'000
Net Budget Requirement for 2020-21	17,068
Financed from:	
Settlement Funding	6,128
Other Grants	210
Collection Fund Surplus	120
Council Tax Requirement	10,610
Divided by Tax Base	44,546.40
Council Tax for Band D property 2020-21	£238.14
Compared to Council Tax for Band D in 2019-20	£233.19
Increase in Council Tax charge (at Band D)	£4.95
Percentage Increase	(2.12%)

- 1.3 The following amounts have been calculated for the year 2020-21 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-
- 1.3.1 £81,721,454 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
- 1.3.2 £68,945,690 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- 1.3.3 £12,775,764 being the amount by which the aggregate at 1.3.1 above exceeds the aggregate at 1.3.2 above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year.
- 1.3.4 £286.80 being the amount at 1.3.3 above divided by the tax base of 44,546.40 calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
- 1.3.5 £2,167,484 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- 1.3.6 £238.14 being the amount at 1.3.4 above less the result given by dividing the amount at 1.3.5 above by the tax base of 44,546.40 calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.

1.3.7 Table 2 - Part of the Council's Area (District and Parish combined at Band D)

Parish/Charter Trustees of

	£
Acol	284.67
Birchington	265.41
Broadstairs	306.54
Cliffsend	260.28
Manston	278.91
Margate	249.75
Minster	303.12
Monkton	288.54
Ramsgate	317.16
St Nicholas-at-Wade and Sarre	290.97
Westgate	294.75

Being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 1.3.6 above the amounts of special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the appropriate tax base calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

1.3.8 Table 3 - Part of The Council's Area Valuation Bands

Parish/Charter Trustees	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Acol	189.78	221.41	253.04	284.67	347.93	411.19	474.45	569.34
Birchington	176.94	206.43	235.92	265.41	324.39	383.37	442.35	530.82
Broadstairs	204.36	238.42	272.48	306.54	374.66	442.78	510.90	613.08
Cliffsend	173.52	202.44	231.36	260.28	318.12	375.96	433.80	520.56
Manston	185.94	216.93	247.92	278.91	340.89	402.87	464.85	557.82
Margate	166.50	194.25	222.00	249.75	305.25	360.75	416.25	499.50
Minster	202.08	235.76	269.44	303.12	370.48	437.84	505.20	606.24
Monkton	192.36	224.42	256.48	288.54	352.66	416.78	480.90	577.08
Ramsgate	211.44	246.68	281.92	317.16	387.64	458.12	528.60	634.32
St Nicholas-at-Wade and Sarre	193.98	226.31	258.64	290.97	355.63	420.29	484.95	581.94
Westgate	196.50	229.25	262.00	294.75	360.25	425.75	491.25	589.50

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 1.3.6 and 1.3.7 above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

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1.3.9 Members should note that for the year 2020-21 Kent County Council, Kent Police and Crime Commissioner and Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown in Table 4.

Table 4 - Precepting Authorities Valuation Bands

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Kent County Council	900.84	1,050.98	1,201.12	1,351.26	1,651.54	1,951.82	2,252.10	2,702.52
Kent Police and Crime Commissioner	135.43	158.01	180.58	203.15	248.29	293.44	338.58	406.30
Kent Fire and Rescue	52.86	61.67	70.48	79.29	96.91	114.53	132.15	158.58
Total	1,089.13	1,270.66	1,452.18	1,633.70	1,996.74	2,359.79	2,722.83	3,267.40

1.3.10 Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 1.3.8 and 1.3.9 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts of Council Tax for the year 2020-21 for each of the categories of dwellings shown in Table 5.

Table 5 - Part of the Council's Area Valuation Bands

Parish/ Charter Trustees	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Acol	1,278.91	1,492.07	1,705.22	1,918.37	2,344.67	2,770.98	3,197.28	3,836.74
Birchington	1,266.07	1,477.09	1,688.10	1,899.11	2,321.13	2,743.16	3,165.18	3,798.22
Broadstairs	1,293.49	1,509.08	1,724.66	1,940.24	2,371.40	2,802.57	3,233.73	3,880.48
Cliffsend	1,262.65	1,473.10	1,683.54	1,893.98	2,314.86	2,735.75	3,156.63	3,787.96
Manston	1,275.07	1,487.59	1,700.10	1,912.61	2,337.63	2,762.66	3,187.68	3,825.22
Margate	1,255.63	1,464.91	1,674.18	1,883.45	2,301.99	2,720.54	3,139.08	3,766.90
Minster	1,291.21	1,506.42	1,721.62	1,936.82	2,367.22	2,797.63	3,228.03	3,873.64
Monkton	1,281.49	1,495.08	1,708.66	1,922.24	2,349.40	2,776.57	3,203.73	3,844.48
Ramsgate	1,300.57	1,517.34	1,734.10	1,950.86	2,384.38	2,817.91	3,251.43	3,901.72
St Nicholas-at-Wade and Sarre	1,283.11	1,496.97	1,710.82	1,924.67	2,352.37	2,780.08	3,207.78	3,849.34
Westgate	1,285.63	1,499.91	1,714.18	1,928.45	2,356.99	2,785.54	3,214.08	3,856.90

2.0 Council Tax Increases

- 2.1 The average Council Tax for the Council for a Band D property for 2020-21 will be £1,920.50.
- 2.2 Kent County Council, Kent Police and Crime Commissioner and Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Service have issued precepts of £60,194k, £9,050k and £3,532k respectively. KCC have increased their Council Tax charge by 3.99%, whereas Kent Police and Kent Fire have increased their Council Tax charges by 5.18% and 1.97% respectively.
- 2.3 The average total tax at Band D is summarised in table 6, showing an overall increase of £74.78. This is primarily due to changes to town and parish precepts and the KCC and Kent Police. Thanet's share of the bill represents only 12% of the overall total.

Table 6 - Average Total Council Tax at Band D

	2020-21 £	2019-20 £	Increase £	Increase %
Thanet District Council	238.14	233.19	4.95	2.12
Town & Parish Councils	48.66	42.20	6.46	15.30
Total District Council	286.80	275.39	11.41	4.14
Kent County Council	1,351.26	1,299.42	51.84	3.99
Kent Police and Crime Commissioner	203.15	193.15	10.00	5.18
Kent and Medway Fire & Rescue Service	79.29	77.76	1.53	1.97
Overall Total	1,920.50	1,845.72	74.78	4.05

Contact Officer:	Tim Willis - Deputy Chief Executive and S151 Officer
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
N/A	

Corporate Consultation

Finance	N/A
Legal	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance

**CHANGES TO COMMITTEES, PANELS AND BOARDS –
2019/20**

Council	27 February 2020
Report Author	Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager
Status	For Decision
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No

Executive Summary:

The report allows Council to agree on the number and size of the Committees, Panels and Boards for the remainder of the municipal year and then subsequently the proportionality of the Council as result of the recent Cliffsend and Pegwell ward by-election and the resignation of Cllr Constantine as a Councillor. The report then goes on to address the allocation of seats on those bodies to political Groups.

Summary of Recommendation(s):

- 4.5 That Council approves the proportionality between groups (allocation of seats) for Committees, Panels and Boards for the remainder of the 2019/20 municipal year as shown at table 2.
- 5.3 To note the corresponding group nominations to Committees, Panels and Boards for the remainder of the 2019/20 municipal year. (The names of those Councillors so nominated will be presented at the meeting)

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	There are no direct financial implications from this report. However members allowances included in the annual budget are based on the existing structure and any increase in size or number of committees would require approval of the resulting increase in the budget.
Legal	The composition and allocation of membership of committees has been based on the relevant legislative requirements.
Corporate	There are no direct Corporate Implications
Equalities Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

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	Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,	x
	Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it	x
	Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	x

CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant) ✓	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	✓

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The report allows Council to agree on the number and size of the Committees, Panels and Boards for the remainder of the municipal year and then subsequently the proportionality of the Council as result of the recent Cliffsend and Pegwell ward by-election and the resignation of Cllr Constantine as a Councillor. The report then goes on to address the allocation of seats on those bodies to political Groups.

2.0 Political Balance

- 2.1 The current political balance of the Council after the recent Cliffsend and Pegwell Ward by-election and the resignation of Cllr Constantine is shown in the table below:

Table 1

	Before changes	After changes
Political Group	No. of Cllrs	No. of Cllrs
Conservative	25	25
Labour	20	19
Thanet Independents	7	7
Green	3	3
Independent (not in a group)	1	1

4.0 Political Proportionality

- 4.1 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the Council to allocate seats on committees to political Groups in accordance with the size of each group on the Council as a whole and in accordance with the following principles which should be observed as far as is reasonably practicable:

- a) That not all seats on the same committee are allocated to the same political group;
 - b) That the majority of the seats on a committee are allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group is a majority of the Council's membership;
 - c) That, subject to a) and b) above, the number of seats on committees allocated to each political group bears the same proportion of the total of all the seats on committees;
 - d) That, subject to a), b) and c) above, the number of seats on a committee allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all seats on that committee.
- 4.2 For the purposes of political balance a Group is required to have at least two members and to have been formally constituted as a political group before the meeting.
- 4.3 The report author has contacted the leaders of the political groups and consensus on an option to achieve political balance has been achieved. The application of political proportionality to the agreed Committee Structure will result in the following seats for individual groups:
- 4.4 That two seats be added to the General Purposes Committee and that one seat is given to the Conservative Group and one is given to the Thanet Independent Group. The table below shows the changes to numbers serving on Committees as a result of this proposal:

Table 2

Committees	Total	Conservative Group	Labour Group	Thanet Independents	Green Group
Planning Committee	14	6	5	2	1
Licensing Board	13	6	5	1	1
Overview and Scrutiny Panel	14	6	5	2	1
Gov. and Audit	13	6	5	1	1
General Purposes	12	6	4	2	0
B&EA Working Party	6	3	2	1	0
CRWP	4	2	1	1	0
Totals	76	35	27	10	4

4.4 Those figures that are highlighted in bold text in the table above are the ones that have changed from the option agreed at the meeting of Annual Council. The overall political balance calculation for the proposal shown above is available at Annex 1.

4.5 Recommendation

That Council approves the proportionality between groups (allocation of seats) for Committees, Panels and Boards for the remainder of the 2019/20 municipal year as shown at table 2.

5.0 Nominations of Members to serve on Committees

5.1 Members are reminded that Section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 states that where the Council has determined the allocation to different groups of the seats to which the Act applies, it shall be the duty of the authority to give effect to a Group's wishes about who is to be appointed to the seats that they have been allocated.

5.2 Therefore the corresponding amendments to group nominations as outlined below must also be made:

That two seats are added to the General Purposes Committee and that one of those seats is given to the Conservative Group and one is given to the Thanet Independent Group. This means that both of these groups will need to make a single new nomination each to the General Purposes Committee.

5.3 This is summarised in the table below:

Committee/Group	Current Position	New Position
General Purposes Committee		
Conservative Group	five seats	six seats (one new nominations needed)
Thanet Independent Group	one seat	two seats (one new nomination needed)

5.4 Group nominations to Committees, Panels and Boards and will be circulated to Members separately at the meeting. Group Leaders can also use this opportunity to make any other changes to the nominations to their committee seats.

5.5 Recommendation

To note the corresponding group nominations to Committees, Panels and Boards for the remainder of the 2019/20 municipal year. (The names of those Councillors so nominated will be presented at the meeting)

Contact Officer:	Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager
Reporting to:	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance

Annex List

Annex 1	Proportionality calculations for main committees covered by Local Government & Housing Act 1989
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Chris Blundell, Head of Financial Services
Legal	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

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	Members	Conservative	Labour	TIC	Green	Non group
Overall Council	55	25	19	7	3	1
Groups only	54	25	19	7	3	
	Members	Conservative	Labour	TIC	Green	
Planning Committee	14	6	5	2	1	
	100.00%	42.86%	35.71%	14.29%	7.14%	
Licensing Board	13	6	5	1	1	
	100.00%	46.15%	38.46%	7.69%	7.69%	
Scrutiny Panel	14	6	5	2	1	
	100.00%	42.86%	35.71%	14.29%	7.14%	
Governance & Audit	13	6	5	1	1	
	100.00%	46.15%	38.46%	7.69%	7.69%	
General Purposes	12	6	4	2	0	
	100.00%	50.00%	33.33%	16.67%	0.00%	
BEAWP	6	3	2	1	0	
	100.00%	50.00%	33.33%	16.67%	0.00%	
CRWP	4	2	1	1	0	
	100.00%	50.00%	25.00%	25.00%	0.00%	
Totals allocated	76	35	27	10	4	
	100.00%	46.05%	35.53%	13.16%	5.26%	
Total entitlement	76	35.19	26.74	9.85	4.22	
Difference from entitlement no.		-0.19	0.26	0.15	-0.22	
Difference from entitlement %		-0.2437	0.3411	0.1949	-0.2924	

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