

Agenda item 3 refers

Political Balance Calculations and Appointment Allocations

In accordance with Section 15 of Part 1 of Chapter 42 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the following Committee allocations have been made in line with the overall political balance of Harborough District Council:

CALCULATIONS used as a basis for distribution of Committee seats:

	Total	CON.	LIB. DEM.	IND
Total Council Seats	37	27	10	
Proportions	100%	72.97%	27.02%	

ALLOCATIONS

	Total	Con	Lib Dem	Ind
Total Number of Politically-balanced seats	81	59 (59.1%)	22 (21.886%)	
Planning Committee	12	9 (8.75%)	3 (3.24%)	
Licensing Committee	12	9 (8.75%)	3 (3.24%)	
Constitution Review Committee	12	9 (8.75%)	3 (3.24%)	
Scrutiny Commission	23	17 (16.78%)	6 (6.21%)	
Scrutiny Panel 1	7 (&1)	5 (5.1079%)	2 (1.891 %)	(
Scrutiny Panel 2	7(&1)	5 (5.1079%)	2 (1.891%)	
Scrutiny Panel 3	8(&1)	6 (5.8376%)	2 (2.16%)	
Total	(81)	(60)	(21)	(0)

- the (+1) refers to the non-voting position of the Chairman of Scrutiny Commission as ex-officio to the Scrutiny Panels and, as a non-voting capacity, is not considered in the political balance of the Scrutiny Panels.
- Although a single party member is not entitled to any allocation of seats under the regulations, political groups are not entitled to have more than their allocated share of seats. It is up to the Council to determine how the remaining 2 places are filled by a Councillor not in a group. This is a decision for full Council. The legislation is often interpreted that a single group councillor is entitled to fair representation

Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission – appointed by Council.

Appointments Exempt from Political Balance Calculations Under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989

Standards Committee

- appointments are politically balanced under the Council's Constitution (of five District Council seats, one must be an Executive Member, but not the Leader).

Total	CON.	LIB. DEM.
5	4	1
	(3.64%)	(1.35%)

Regulatory Committee

- Members of the Regulatory Committee are appointed by Council by virtue of their membership of the Licensing Committee, which is an ordinary committee to which the political balance rules apply.

Total	CON.	LIB. DEM.
As per the Licensing Committee	12	

Howard Watson Symington Memorial Charity Committee

- discharges functions in respect of that part of the District concerned with the Charity's area of operation (which is less than two-fifths of the District's area or population, and is inclusive of all Ward Councillors, making it an area committee under the Local Government Act 2000).

Total	CON.	LIB. DEM.
Market Harborough Town Ward Members	10	