

Committees Political Balance (in accordance with Act) 2026/27

	Committee Size		Allocation of Seats to Groups						
	Total	Conservative Group	Independent/Green Group	Liberal Democrat Group	Vacancy/ non group				
COUNCIL SIZE	45	4	9%	5	11%	36	80%	0	0%
Cabinet (not politically balanced) *1	8	0		0		8			
Winchester Town Forum (not politically balanced)	14	0		0		14			
The Scrutiny Committee *2	9	1	11%	1	11%	7	78%		
Health & Environment Policy Committee *2	9	1	11%	1	11%	7	78%		
Economy & Housing Policy Committee*2	9	1	11%	1	11%	7	78%		
Audit and Governance Committee *5	9	1	11%	1	11%	7	78%		
Planning Committee *4	9	1	11%	1	11%	7	78%		
Licensing and Regulation Committee *3	10	1	10%	1	10%	8	80%		
Housing Appeals Committee *6	3	0	0%	0	0%	3	100%		
Joint West of Waterlooville MDA Planning Committee *7	5	0	0%	1	20%	4	80%		
TOTAL BY GROUP exc. Council, Cabinet & WTF	63	6	9.52%	7	11.11%	50	79.37%		0.00%

Notes

- The Cabinet** consists of the Leader and up to nine other Councillors who are appointed by the Leader.
- The Scrutiny Committee and Policy Committees** - Size not specified (up to 2 deputies per group)
- Licensing and Regulation Committee** - up to 11 members (up to 2 deputies per group) Constitution. Part 3.3 Para 2.2 refers.
- Planning Committee** - up to 9 members (up to 2 deputies per group). Constitution. Part 3.3 Para 1.6 refers.
- Audit and Governance Committee** - size not specified (up to 2 deputies per group) - normally politically balanced and size determined by council. HR Sub Committee and Standards Hearing Sub Committee will be appointed from the membership of the Audit and Governance Committee and shall be politically balanced.
- Housing Appeals** - size not specified (up to 2 deputies per group)
- Joint WoW MDA**. 5 members (to include chair of Planning) plus 2 deputies per political group.

The proportionality rules are as set out below:

- No political group can have all the places on a committee (the exception is the Cabinet).
- A group having an overall majority on the Council is entitled to a majority of seats on each committee.
- The gross number of seats is allocated in accordance with each group's entitlement.
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Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

The Chairperson for each Committee shall be appointed by the Council. The Chairperson in respect of the Principal Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall be a Member from an opposition party. The Chairpersons for the other two Committees shall be drawn from Members of the majority party