# THE POLITICAL BALANCE CALCULATION MAY 2021

### A.1 All Committees to which balance applies

	Committee	Seats/Committee		Total Seats
1 x 12	Overview and Scrutiny	12	=	12
1 x 14	Planning	14	=	14
1 x 13	Licensing	13	=	13
1 X 13	Regulatory	13	=	13
1 x 12	Selection	12	=	12
1 x 8	Audit	8	=	8
1 x 5	Appointments	5	=	5
		Total		77

### B. Percentage of group in relation to total membership of the authority

47 members =		%
26 Conservative 11 Ashford Independent 6 Labour 2 Green	= = = =	55.31914894 23.40425532 12.76595745 4.255319149
<u>Note:</u> 1 Independent 1 Independent		2.127659574 2.127659574

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<u>Committee</u>	Con	AI	Lab	Green	To Be Allocated	Total
1 x 12 O&S	7	3	2	0	0	12
1 x 14 Planning	8	3	2	1	0	14
1 x 12 Selection	7	3	2	0	0	12
1 x 13 Licensing	7	3	1	1	1	13
1 x 13 Regulatory	7	3	1	1	1	13
1 x 8 Audit	4	2	1	0	1	8
1 x 5 Appointments	3	1	1	0	0	5
Totals	43 (42.596)	18 (18.021)	10 (9.830)	3 (3.277)	2	77

#### C.1 Allocation of Seats on Committees in proportion to Group strength

\* Under the draft calculation the Labour Group had been allocated 12 seats when their overall entitlement across all Committees was 10. All other Groups had received their overall entitlement to seats. There was therefore a need for the Labour Group to gift two of their allocated seats to Independent Members. The Labour Group have offered their seats on the Licensing Committee and Regulatory Committee..

## C.2 Allocation of seats on all ordinary Committees to achieve overall proportionality

Political Group entitlement in	relation to <u>all</u> seats:	77	
Conservative Ashford Independent Labour Green	42.596 18.021 9.830 3.277	= = =	43 18 10 3
	Total	_	74
1 Independent 1 Independent		= =	2 1
	Total	_	77

D. Committees to which balance will not apply either as a direct result of joint arrangements or the Council agreeing, i.e. no member votes against this arrangement, on each occasion the Council adopts a revised political balance for the Authority.

\*1 x 15 Appeals

3 Members per meeting drawn on rota from a panel of 15 Members =

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× 1 x 7	Joint Transportation Board	=	7
*1 x 3	Licensing (3 Member Panels)	=	3
*1 x 3	Regulatory (3 Member Panels)	=	3

- \* Council's choice as to whether balance will apply to this Committee. This may only happen if no member votes against this arrangement.
- <sup>×</sup> Due to the Joint Arrangements and the manner in which seats are allocated by the Kent County Council, it is impossible to have a balanced allocation of seats.

Committee	Con	AI	Lab	Green	Total
*1 x 15 Appeals	8	4	2	1	15
×1 x 7 Joint Transportation	4	2	1	0	7
<sup>**</sup> 1 x 8 Standards	5	2	1	0	8

- \* That the requirements of the 'Political Balance' regulations be not applied to the membership of the Appeals and the Licensing and Health & Safety Panels of 3 Members which are drawn for each meeting.
- \*\* Standards broadly politically balanced as membership is based on posts.

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