## THE POLITICAL BALANCE CALCULATION MAY 2021

## A. 1 All Committees to which balance applies


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

| 47 members $=$ |  | $\%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 26 Conservative | $=$ | 55.31914894 |
| 11 Ashford Independent | $=$ | 23.40425532 |
| 6 Labour | $=$ | 12.76595745 |
| 2 Green | $=$ | 4.255319149 |
|  |  |  |
| Note: |  | 2.127659574 |
| 1 Independent |  | 2.127659574 |

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

| Committee | Con | Al | Lab | Green | To Be <br> Allocated | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1 \times 12$ O\&S | 7 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| $1 \times 14$ Planning | 8 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 14 |
| $1 \times 12$ Selection | 7 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| $1 \times 13$ Licensing | 7 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 |
| $1 \times 13$ Regulatory | 7 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 |
| $1 \times 8$ Audit | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| $1 \times 5$ Appointments | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Totals | $\mathbf{4 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 0}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{7 7}$ |
| $\mathbf{( 4 2 . 5 9 6 )}$ | $\mathbf{( 1 8 . 0 2 1 )}$ | $\mathbf{( 9 . 8 3 0})$ | $\mathbf{( 3 . 2 7 7 )}$ |  |  |  |

* 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 all seats:77

Conservative
Ashford Independent
Labour
Green
42.596
18.021
9.830
3.277

Total

Total
$=43$
$=18$
$=10$
$=3$

1 Independent
$=2$
1 Independent
$=1$
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.

| $\times 1 \times 7$ | Joint Transportation <br> Board | $=$ | 7 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $* 1 \times 3$ | Licensing (3 Member <br> Panels) | $=$ | 3 |
| $* 1 \times 3$ | Regulatory (3 Member <br> 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.
x 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 | Al | Lab | Green | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ${ }^{*} 1 \times 15$ Appeals | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 15 |
| x $1 \times 7$ Joint <br> Transportation | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| ${ }^{* *} 1 \times 8$ <br> 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.
Political Balance - Appendix A.doc

