

**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	<u>77</u>

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:

1 Independent	2.127659574
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x 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.**

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	AI	Lab	Green	Total
*1 x 15 Appeals	8	4	2	1	15
*1 x 7 Joint Transportation	4	2	1	0	7
**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.