

**ALLOCATION OF SEATS 2026/2027**

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Annual Council</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>20 May 2026</b>
<b>Cabinet Member (if applicable)</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
<b>Key Decision</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Eligible for Call In</b>	<b>No – Non-Executive Decision</b>
<b>Purpose of Report –</b> To determine the allocation of seats on Committees and Panels for the 2026/2027 Municipal Year.	
<b>Recommendations</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) That the requirements of Section 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 not apply to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee for the municipal year 2026/27.</li> <li>2) That it be noted that Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 do not apply to the Health and Wellbeing Board.</li> <li>3) That the number and proportion of members of Committees and Panels be in accordance with the schedule appended to the report.</li> <li>4) That authority be delegated to the Service Director - Legal, Governance and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer) to make changes to memberships, based upon revised proportions, in consultation with Group Business Managers.</li> </ol>	
<b>Reasons for Recommendations</b> <p>To determine the allocation of seats on Committees and Panels for the 2026/2027 Municipal Year</p>	
<b>Resource Implications:</b> Not applicable	
<b>Date signed off by Executive Director &amp; name</b>	<b>Rachel Spencer Henshall</b> 11.05.2026
<b>Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?</b>	<b>Kevin Mulvaney</b> N/A
<b>Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?</b>	<b>Samantha Lawton</b> 11.05.2026

**Electoral wards affected:** Not applicable

**Ward councillors consulted:** Not applicable

**Public or private:** Public

**Has GDPR been considered?** There are no GDPR implications

## **1. Executive Summary**

To consider and determine the allocation of seats on Committees and Panels for the 2026/2027 municipal year.

## **2. Information required to take a decision**

Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires that, with certain exceptions, seats on Council Committees and Panels be allocated having regard to the representation of different political groups on the Council.

The attached schedule sets out the allocations for 2026/27.

It is proposed that the membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee should not be in accordance with the requirements of Sections 15 and 16 and should be as set out in the attached schedule. This notice is given in accordance with Section 17 of the 1989 Act and Regulation 20 of the Local Government (Committee and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 and the proposal will require approval with no Members of the Council voting against.

## **3. Implications for the Council**

3.1 **Council Plan** – Not applicable

3.2 **Financial Implications** – Not applicable

3.3 **Legal Implications** -

The Council has a duty to comply with the requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act in the allocation of seats to political groups.

3.8 **Other (e.g. Risk, Integrated Impact Assessment or Human Resources)** – Not applicable

4. **Consultation** – Not applicable

5. **Engagement** – Not applicable

6. **Options**

6.1 **Options considered** – Not applicable

6.2 **Reasons for recommended option** - Not applicable

**7. Next steps and timelines**

Appointments are made in consultation with Group Business Managers.

**8. Contact officer**

Leigh Webb, Head of Governance

**9. Background Papers and History of Decisions**

Not applicable

**10. Appendices – Schedule of Seat Allocations**

**11. Service Director responsible**

Samantha Lawton – Service Director for Legal, Governance and Commissioning  
(Monitoring Officer)

## APPENDIX

Committees/Panels/Boards	Total No. of members	Reform	Green	Kirklees Ind.	Con	Lib Dem	Valley Ind.
		<b>29</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
Appeals Panel	15	6	3	2	2	1	1
Statutory Officer Dismissal Committee	5	2	1	1	1	0	0
Licensing and Safety Committee	15	6	3	2	2	1	1
Standards Committee	7	3	1	1	1	1	0
Personnel Committee	9	4	2	1	1	0	1
Strategic Planning Committee	7	3	1	1	1	1	0
District Wide Planning	9	4	2	1	1	1	0
Corporate Governance and Audit	7	3	1	1	1	1	0
Overview and Scrutiny Panels x 4	24	11	4	3	3	2	1
Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee	5						Chair of Scrutiny plus 4 Panel Chairs
Health and Wellbeing Board	5						3 Cabinet Members/ 1 main opposition/1 other Group
		<b>42</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>