

**Proposed Proportionality and Committee and
Outside body seat allocations**

Political Group make-up of the Council:

Political Group	Number of seats	Proportion of seats (%)
Reform UK	47	58.02
Liberal Democrat	12	14.81
Restore Britain Kent	7	8.64
Conservative	6	7.41
Green	5	6.17
Labour	2	2.47
Non-Group aligned	2 (inc vacancy)	2.47
Total	81	100%

The Following tables detail the proposed allocations of seats to the Political Groups across the Council’s main Committees and some relevant Outside bodies.

This is presented for Council approval, as per the recommendations on the main report.

NOTE – the Proportionality arrangements, as determined by Council as part of this item, do not cover Cabinet Committees. These are subject to separate decision-making by the Leader of the Council.

Appendix 1 – Proportionality arrangements – County Council March 2026

Proportionality details:

Committee	Reform	LD	Res Br	Con	Green	Lab	No group	Total
<i>Scrutiny Committee +5*</i>	7	2	1	1	1	1	0	13
<i>Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee +4\$</i>	8	2	1	1	1	0	0	13
<i>Governance and Audit Committee</i>	7	2	1	1	1	1	0	13
<i>Personnel Committee</i>	7	2	1	1	1	1	0	13
<i>Planning Applications Committee</i>	8	3	2	1	1	0	0	15
<i>Selection and Member Services Committee</i>	8	2	1	1	1	0	0	13
<i>Pension Fund Committee +3# (1/1/1)</i>	6	2	1	1	1	0	0	11
<i>Kent Flood Risk Management Committee</i>	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	7
<i>Standards Committee</i>	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	7
TOTAL	59	17	10	9	7	3	0	105
Proportionate Share of Total	61	15.5	9	8	6.5	2.5	2.5	105
Difference	-2	+1.5	+1	+1	+0.5	+0.5	-2.5	105

- * The Scrutiny Committee also has 3 diocesan representatives and 2 parent governor representatives with voting powers on education issues only. See paragraph
- \$ The Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel also has 4 District Council representatives with voting powers.
- # The Pension Fund Committee also has 3 District Council representatives with voting powers.

Sub-Committee arrangements (non-group aligned not included as no entitlement):

Sub-Committees	Reform	LD	Res Br	Cons	Green	Lab	Total
Member Panels (enforcement, public rights of way, marriage premises, village/town greens)	3	1	1	0	0	0	5
Transport Appeal Panels (school-related appeals - mainly transport)	3	1	1	0	0	0	5
Selection and Member Services Committee Governor Appointments Panel	4	1	1	1	0	0	7
Personnel Committee Member Appointment Panel	5	1	1	1	0	0	8
Scrutiny Committee Sub-Committees or SFI Groups	6	2	1	1	1	0	11

Other Authorities, Joint Committees and Partnership Bodies

The proportionality principles in the 1989 Act also apply to the appointments which the Council makes to various other authorities, joint committees and partnership bodies, as listed below:

- (a) Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority (21 KCC Members);
- (b) Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education (4 KCC Members);
- (c) Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (3 KCC Members);
- (d) Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (4 KCC Members)
- (e) Pension Board (2 KCC Members who are not Members of the Superannuation Fund Committee)
- (f) Adoption Panels (6 Area Panels with 2 KCC Members serving on each), in respect of which the following provisions apply:
 - (i) *The 1989 Act does not apply but the Council’s convention is that the 12 appointments overall should be proportional;*
 - (ii) *Members should have a knowledge or interest in Social Care or adoption issues;*
 - (iii) *To avoid the situation where Members frequently have to withdraw because, for example, they know prospective adopters, Members should not serve on the Panel covering their home area. It is therefore recommended that Members be nominated by the political groups for service on the Adoption Panels generally and the allocation of individual Members to particular Panels be left to the Adoption Panel Manager in discussion with the Members concerned.*

Authority, Joint Committee or Partnership Body	Reform	LD	Res Br	Cons	Green	Lab	Total
Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority	13	3	2	1	1	1	21
Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority	2	1	0	0	0	0	3

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Authority, Joint Committee or Partnership Body	Reform	LD	Res Br	Cons	Green	Lab	Total
Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee	2	1	1	0	0	0	4
Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education	2	1	1	0	0	0	4
Pension Board	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Adoption Panels	7	2	1	1	1	0	12

Note – the proportionality of KCC appointments applies only to the seats allocated to KCC, not the full membership of the relevant authorities or partnership body.

Therefore, due to the small number seats to be allocated from KCC on some bodies, the largest group can gain all relevant seats.