

MOTION ON NOTICE

Full Council | Tuesday, 15 July 2025

Allocation of Committee Seats

That this Council notes;

The current legislation on allocation of seats on committees.

The rules for the allocation of seats are set out in sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committee and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

In the case of Councillors who are not members of a political group, a proportion of seats on committees equal to the proportion of Council members who do not belong to a political group are reserved, with appointment to these seats being made by the Council at its discretion.

So, the method of calculating places on committees is therefore as follows;

1. The total number of seats on all ordinary committees are calculated.
2. The proportion that each political group forms of the total membership of the authority is calculated. An appropriate number of seats is reserved for ungrouped members.
3. The seats are finally adjusted on each committee so that the total allocated to each group is as near as possible to their aggregate entitlement while preserving the principle above.

Council also notes;

That Leicestershire County Council has applied the above legislation, making sure that no Member is deliberately excluded from seats on committees. This ensures that all Members play a full role in local government and are seen to be working on behalf of their constituents - albeit with no say on which committees they are placed on.

Council resolves to;

- Apply the current legislation as it was meant to be applied, ensuring all Members play a full and active role within Council; and
- Change the Council's constitution to properly reflect the true meaning of the above legislation.

Councillor Michael H Charlesworth

Proposer

The above motion was duly received by the Legal & Electoral Services Manager / Monitoring Officer on 4 July 2025 in accordance with Rule 14, Section 1 of Part 4 of the Constitution of the Council.