

The Chief Executive's Report on return of Members Elected and Political Proportionality

Return of Members Elected

The return of Members elected at the ordinary elections held on 6 May 2021 is attached as appendix 1 of this Report.

Political Proportionality

The law allows groups of two or more councillors to register as political groups. Political groups usually register along party lines but a political group can be registered jointly with different parties or include only some members of a political party. A councillor can only be a member of one registered political group at a time, and they are only a member of a political group if they and the leader of the group give a notice to the proper officer of the Council.

The law requires the Council to allocate committee seats to registered political groups in accordance with political balance rules:

1. The majority party must have a majority of seats on every committee. Where there are co-opted voting members this is a majority of all seats, not just those held by councillors.
2. Subject to (1), the total number of ordinary committee seats must be proportionate. For example, a group with 75% of Council seats should have 75% of the seats on ordinary committee seats. Overview and Scrutiny Committees and Joint Committees do not count as 'ordinary committees'.
3. Subject to (2), each individual committee must be as proportionate as possible. A group with 75% of Council seats should have 75% of the seats on each committee.

The political balance rules do not always completely determine the balance of each committee. Sometimes the Council unavoidably has some discretion as to how to apply those rules.

For example, if there are the committees of the same size which have to be balanced differently under the rules, there is a discretion as to which committees receive which allocation. Any discretion is exercised by full Council.

All members have joined a political group and the Council must now allocate seats to political groups. The seat allocations calculated in accordance with the rules are set out at appendix 2. The names of the political group leaders and their deputies is set out at appendix 3.

The numbers of members who have indicated their membership of the political groups are:

The Conservative Group:	52
The Non-aligned Group	10
The Liberal Democrat Group	8
The Labour Group	5
Others	0

Total: 75

Recommendation:

Agree that seats on committees and other bodies be allocated to registered political groups in accordance with the table at appendix 2 of the report.



ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

**Ordinary Elections
held on
6 May 2021**

**Election of 75 County Councillors
List of Councillors returned by
Electoral Division**

**Gavin Jones
County Returning Officer
County Hall
Chelmsford
May 2021**

Surname	Forename(s)	Party	Division
Borough of Basildon			
Hedley*	Anthony Michael	Conservative	Billericay and Burstead (two member division)
Moore*	Richard Andrew	Conservative	
Brown	Adele	Labour	Laindon Park and Fryerns (two member division)
Henry*	Jeff	Conservative	
Mackenzie	Luke Arron	Conservative	Pitsea (two member division)
McGurran	Aidan	Labour	
Smith*	Kerry James Daryl Luke	Independent	Westley Heights
Ball*	Tony	Conservative	Wickford Crouch (two member division)
Buckley*	Malcolm Robert	Conservative	
District of Braintree			
Bowers-Flint	Lynette Barbara	Conservative	Bocking
Thorogood	Paul Richard	Green	Braintree Eastern
Cunningham	Tom Glencairn	Conservative	Braintree Town
Siddall	Christopher William	Conservative	Halstead
Schwier	Peter	Conservative	Hedingham
Butland*	Graham	Conservative	Three Fields with Great Notley
Playle	Ross George	Conservative	Witham Northern
Louis*	Derrick Jonathan	Conservative	Witham Southern
Borough of Brentwood			
McKinlay*	Louise Jane	Conservative	Brentwood Hutton
Aspinell *	Barry Roy	Liberal Democrat	Brentwood North
Wagland*	Lesley Anne	Conservative	Brentwood Rural
Wiles	Andrew Terence	Conservative	Brentwood South
Borough of Castle Point			
Blackwell*	David Alan	Canvey Island Independent	Canvey Island East
May*	Peter	Canvey Island Independent	Canvey Island West
Reeves*	Jillian Mary	Conservative	Hadleigh
Sheldon*	Andrew	Conservative	South Benfleet
Egan*	Beverley	Conservative	Thundersley
City of Chelmsford			
Steel	Mike	Conservative	Broomfield and Writtle
Spence*	John Andrew	Conservative	Chelmer
Goldman	Marie Clare	Liberal Democrat	Chelmsford Central

Surname	Forename(s)	Party	Division
Robinson*	Stephen John	Liberal Democrat	Chelmsford North
Deakin*	Jude	Liberal Democrat	Chelmsford West
McQuiggan	Anthony John	Conservative	Great Baddow
Massey*	Bob	Conservative	South Woodham Ferrers
Mackrory*	Mike	Liberal Democrat	Springfield
Grundy*	Ian Spencer	Conservative	Stock
Borough of Colchester			
Scordis*	Lee Paul	Labour	Abbey
Barber	Lewis Charles	Conservative	Constable
Lissimore*	Susan Amanda Jayne	Conservative	Drury
Harris*	David Francis	Labour	Maypole
Jowers*	John Gilbert	Conservative	Mersea and Tiptree
King	David John	Liberal Democrat	Mile End and Highwoods
Crow	Simon Leslie (Sam)	Conservative	Parsons Heath and East Gates
Bentley*	Kevin Paul	Conservative	Stanway and Pyefleet
Cory	Mark	Liberal Democrat	Wivenhoe St. Andrew
District of Epping Forest			
Vance	Marshall	Conservative	Buckhurst Hill and Loughton South
Scott	Lee	Conservative	Chigwell and Loughton Broadway
Whitbread	Holly	Conservative	Epping and Theydon Bois
Pond*	Christopher	Independent Loughton Residents Association	Loughton Central
Whitbread*	Christopher Laurence	Conservative	North Weald and Nazeing
Mclvor	Jaymey	Conservative	Ongar and Rural
Kane	Sam	Conservative	Waltham Abbey
District of Harlow			
Garnett*	Michael George	Conservative	Harlow North
Johnson*	Edward Christopher	Conservative	Harlow South East
Hardware*	Michael Edward	Conservative	Harlow West (two member division)
Souter*	Clive Thomas	Conservative	
District of Maldon			
Durham*	Mark Frederick Lewis	Conservative	Heybridge and Tollesbury
Fleming	Jane Lisa	Conservative	Maldon
Stamp	Wendy	Independent	Southminster

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District of Rochford			
Cannell	Craig Charles	Liberal Democrat	Rayleigh North
Lumley*	June Rosemary	Conservative	Rayleigh South
Shaw	Laureen	Conservative	Rochford North
Steptoe*	Mike	Conservative	Rochford South
Hoy	Michael	Rochford District Residents	Rochford West
District of Tendring			
Goggin*	Alan	Conservative	Brightlingsea
Stephenson*	Mark Edward	Independent	Clacton East
Skeels	Michael John	Conservative	Clacton North
Honeywood*	Paul Bernard	Conservative	Clacton West
Platt*	Mark Edward	Conservative	Frinton and Walton
Henderson*	Ivan John	Labour	Harwich
Land	Daniel James	Conservative	Tendring Rural East
Guglielmi*	Giancarlo Valeriano	Conservative	Tendring Rural West
District of Uttlesford			
Barker*	Susan	Conservative	Dunmow
Gadd	Paul David	Residents for Uttlesford	Saffron Walden
Gooding*	Ray	Conservative	Stansted
Foley	Martin Liam	Residents for Uttlesford	Thaxted

* denotes a councillor who held office immediately before the election.

Essex County Council

Allocation of Seats on Committees as at 25 May 2021

Ordinary Committees (which must be overall proportionate and, individually, as proportionate as possible)

Committee	Size	Conservative	Non-aligned	Liberal Democrat	Labour
Development and Regulation	12	9	1	1	1
Audit, Governance and Standards	10	7	1	1	1
Investment Steering Group	7	5	1	1	0
Foreign Travel Committee	5	3	1	1	0

Other bodies (which must be individually proportionate)

Committee	Size	Conservative	Non-aligned	Liberal Democrat	Labour
Corporate Policy and Scrutiny	14	10	2	1	1
People and Families Policy and Scrutiny (includes 4 Co-optees)	14 + 4	10	2	1	1
Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny	14	10	2	1	1
Health Policy and Scrutiny	12	8	2	1	1

Political Group Leaders and Deputies

The Conservative Group: Councillor Kevin Bentley

Deputy – Councillor Louise McKinlay

The Non Aligned Group: Councillor Chris Pond

Deputy – Cllr Michael Hoy

The Liberal Democratic Group: Councillor Mike Mackrory

Deputy – Councillor David King

The Labour Group: Councillor Ivan Henderson

Deputy – Councillor Adele Brown