

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

Return of Members Elected

The return of Members elected is attached as at 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. So where the Conservative Group has 75% of Council seats it 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:	56
The Liberal Democrat Group:	7
The Labour Group:	6
The Non Aligned Group	6
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

4 May 2017

Election of 75 County Councillors

List of Councillors returned by

Electoral Division

**Gavin Jones
County Returning Officer
County Hall
Chelmsford
May 2017**

BASILDON BOROUGH

BILLERICAY AND BURSTEAD (Two Member Division)

Hedley*	Anthony Michael	Conservative
Moore	Richard Andrew	Conservative

LAINDON PARK AND FRYERNS (Two Member Division)

Davies	Allan Robert	Labour
Henry	Jeff	Conservative

PITSEA (Two Member Division)

Hillier	Stephen	Conservative
Reid	Patricia	Labour

WESTLEY HEIGHTS

Smith*	Kerry James Daryl Luke	Independent
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WICKFORD CROUCH (Two Member Division)

Ball	Tony	Conservative
Buckley*	Malcolm Robert	Conservative

BRAINTREE DISTRICT

BOCKING

Canning*	Stephen	Conservative
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BRAINTREE EASTERN

Mitchell	Robert Godfrey Scudamore	Conservative
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BRAINTREE TOWN

Schmitt	Wendy Jean	Conservative
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HALSTEAD

Beavis	Joanne	Conservative
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HEDINGHAM

Finch*	David Malcolm	Conservative
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THREE FIELDS WITH GREAT NOTLEY

Butland†	Graham	Conservative
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WITHAM NORTHERN

Abbott*	James Edward	Green
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WITHAM SOUTHERN

Louis*	Derrick Jonathan	Conservative
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BRENTWOOD BOROUGH

BRENTWOOD HUTTON

McKinlay Louise Jane Conservative

BRENTWOOD NORTH

Aspinell* Barry Roy Liberal Democrat

BRENTWOOD RURAL

Wagland Lesley Anne Conservative

BRENTWOOD SOUTH

Kendall* David John Liberal Democrat

CASTLE POINT BOROUGH

CANVEY ISLAND EAST

Blackwell* Dave Canvey Island Independent

CANVEY ISLAND WEST

May Peter Canvey Island Independent

HADLEIGH

Reeves* Jillian Mary Conservative

SOUTH BENFLEET

Sheldon Andrew Graham Conservative

THUNDERSLEY

Egan Beverley Conservative

CHELMSFORD CITY

BROOMFIELD AND WRITTLE

Aldridge* John Francis Conservative

CHELMER

Spence* John Conservative

CHELMSFORD CENTRAL

Madden* Dick Conservative

CHELMSFORD NORTH

Robinson* Stephen Liberal Democrat

CHELMSFORD WEST

Deakin* Jude Liberal Democrat

GREAT BADDOW

Chandler* Jenny Conservative

SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS

Massey Bob Conservative

SPRINGFIELD

Mackrory* Mike Liberal Democrat

STOCK

Grundy* Ian Conservative

COLCHESTER BOROUGH**ABBAY**

Scordis Lee Paul Labour

CONSTABLE

Brown* Anne Conservative

DRURY

Lissimore* Sue Conservative

MAYPOLE

Harris* Dave Labour

MERSEA AND TIPTREE

Jowers* John Gilbert Conservative

MILE END AND HIGHWOODS

Turrell* Anne Liberal Democrat

PARSONS HEATH AND EAST GATES

Baker John Liberal Democrat

STANWAY AND PYEFLEET

Bentley* Kevin Paul Conservative

WIVENHOE ST ANDREW

Young* Julie Ann Labour

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT**BUCKHURST HILL AND LOUGHTON SOUTH**

Metcalfe* Valerie Conservative

CHIGWELL AND LOUGHTON BROADWAY

Mohindra Gagan Conservative

EPPING AND THEYDON BOIS

Whitbread Christopher Conservative

LOUGHTON CENTRAL

Pond* Chris Independent Loughton Residents

NORTH WEALD AND NAZEING

Jackson* Anthony James Conservative

ONGAR AND RURAL

McEwen* Maggie Conservative

WALTHAM ABBEY

Gadsby* Ricki Conservative

HARLOW DISTRICT

HARLOW NORTH

Garnett Michael George Conservative

HARLOW SOUTH EAST

Johnson* Eddie Conservative

HARLOW WEST (Two Member Division)

Hardware Michael Edward Conservative

Souter Clive Thomas Conservative

MALDON DISTRICT

HEYBRIDGE AND TOLLESBURY

Durham Mark Frederick Lewis Conservative

MALDON

Channer* Penny Conservative

SOUTHMINSTER

Pratt Ron Conservative

ROCHFORD DISTRICT

RAYLEIGH NORTH

Maddocks* Malcolm Conservative

RAYLEIGH SOUTH

Lumley June Rosemary Conservative

ROCHFORD NORTH

Cutmore* Terry Conservative

ROCHFORD SOUTH

Steptoe Mike Conservative

ROCHFORD WEST

Weston Carole Anne Conservative

TENDRING DISTRICT

BRIGHTLINGSEA

Goggin* Alan Conservative

CLACTON EAST

Sargeant* Colin David Independent Holland Residents

CLACTON NORTH

Wood* Andy Conservative

CLACTON WEST

Honeywood* Paul Bernard Conservative

FRINTON AND WALTON

Platt Mark Edward Conservative

HARWICH

Henderson* Ivan John Labour

TENDRING RURAL EAST

Erskine* Andrew James Conservative

TENDRING RURAL WEST

Guglielmi* Carlo Conservative

UTTLESFORD DISTRICT

DUNMOW

Barker* Susan Conservative

SAFFRON WALDEN

Moran John Michael Conservative

STANSTED

Gooding* Raymond John Conservative

THAXTED

Walsh* Simon Michael Conservative

*Denotes an existing member re-elected in the same division.

†Denotes an existing member re-elected in a different division.

Essex County Council

Allocation of Seats on Committees as at 16 May 2017

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

Committee	Size	Conservative	Lib Dem	Labour	Non aligned
Development and Regulation	12	9	1	1	1
Audit	7	5	1	1	0
Investment Steering Group	7	5	0	1	1
Foreign Travel Committee	5	4	1	0	0

Other bodies (which must be individually proportionate)

Committee	Size	Conservative	Lib Dem	Labour	Non aligned
Corporate Scrutiny	14	11	1	1	1
People and Families Scrutiny (includes 4 Co-optees)	14 + 4	11	1	1	1
Place Services and Economic Growth Scrutiny	14	11	1	1	1
Health Scrutiny Committee	12	9	1	1	1
Standards Committee (Joint with Essex Fire Authority)	9	6	1	1	1

Essex Fire Authority	Size	Conservative	Lib Dem	Labour	Non aligned
Fire Authority	20	15	2	1	2

Political Group Leaders and Deputies

The Conservative Group: Councillor David Finch

Deputy – Councillor Kevin Bentley

The Liberal Democratic Group: Councillor Mike Mackrory

Deputy – Councillor Anne Turrell

The Labour Group: Councillor Ivan Henderson

Deputy – Councillor Julie Young

The Non Aligned Group: Councillor Chris Pond

Deputy – Councillor Dave Blackwell