

Brentwood Borough Council POLITICAL BALANCE – May 2022

The Political Balance of the Council is:

POLITICAL GROUP	NO. OF MEMBERS	%	POLITICAL GROUP	NO. OF MEMBERS	NO. OF SEATS ON ORDINARY COMMITTEES
CONSERVATIVE	21 =	56.75	CONSERVATIVE	21	37 (37.45)
LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	14 =	37.83	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	14	25 (24.96)
LABOUR	2 =	5.40	LABOUR	2	4 (3.56)
TOTALS	37	100			66

PROPOSAL:

	A & S C (9)*	C E & E C (9)**	DAC+ (9)	H C ++ (9)	P & L C# (12)	P, R & E D C ## (9)	SAC~ (9)	TOTAL 66
CON	5 (5.10)	5 (5.10)	5 (5.10)	5 (5.10)	7 (6.81)	5 (5.10)	5 (5.10)	37
LIB DEM	3 (3.40)	3 (3.40)	4 (3.40)	4 (3.40)	4 (4.53)	4 (3.40)	3 (3.40)	25
LAB	1 (0.48)	1 (0.48)	0 (0.48)	0 (0.48)	1 (0.64)	0 (0.48)	1 (0.48)	4
	9	9	9	9	12	9	9	66

*A & S C denotes Audit & Scrutiny Committee

**C E & E C denotes Community, Environment and Enforcement Committee

+ D A C denotes Dismissal Appeals Committee (*Only meets on demand*)

++ H C denotes Housing Committee

P & L C denotes Planning and Licensing Committee

P, R & ED C denotes Policy, Resources and Economic Development Committee
~ S A C denotes Staff Appointments Committee (*Only meets on demand*)

Section 15 (5) principles

Section 15 (5) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 states:-

'The principles mentioned in subsection (4) above, in relation to the seats on any body which fall to be filled by appointments made by any relevant authority or committee of a relevant authority, are –

- (a) that not all the seats on the body are allocated to the same political group;
- (b) that the majority of the seats on the body is allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group is a majority of the authority's membership;
- (c) subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) above, that the number of seats on the ordinary committees of a relevant authority which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the total of all seats on the ordinary committees of that authority as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority; and
- (d) subject to paragraphs (a) to (c) above, that the number of the seats on the body which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that body as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority.'

Ordinary Committees do not include sub-committees or advisory committees or advisory sub-committees.