

## Political Proportionality – February 2026

Where we were in November 2025 (last Council report on Political Balance)

Group	Seats	% Council
Conservative	23	52
Labour	9	20
Green	2	5
Leake Independent	3	7
Bingham Independent	2	5
Rushcliffe Independent	2	5
Unaligned Independent	1	2
Liberal Democrat	1	2
Reform UK	1	2
Total	44	100

Committee or Group	Number of seats available		Conservative	Labour	Green	Leake Independent	Bingham Independent	Rushcliffe Independent	Unaligned Independent	Liberal Democrat	Reform UK
Corporate Overview Group	7		4	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Governance Scrutiny Group	9		5	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Communities Scrutiny Group	9		5	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Growth and Development Scrutiny Group	9		5	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Planning Committee	11		6	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Licensing Committee	15		8	3	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
Employment Appeals Committee	5		3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Interviewing Committee	5		3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Standards Committee	7		4	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Local Development Framework Group	15		8	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Member Development Group	9		5	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Rushcliffe Strategic Growth Board	9		5	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Civic Hospitality Panel	7		4	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
WBSE&CIL Group	9		5	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	126		70	26	6	9	6	6	1	1	1

**Explanation of changes – February 2026**

On 27 January, Cllr Edyvean informed the Council that Cllrs Bird, Phillips and himself were forming a new political Group to be called Independent – People First. The official paperwork forming the group was received by Democratic Services on 4 February.

As a result of this change, the political balance across the Council is 52% Conservative, 20% Labour, 5% Green, 7% Leake Independent, 5% Rushcliffe Independent and 7% Independent – People First. The Council now has two ungrouped Councillors.

An exercise to review the political balance of the Council has taken place. It has created the new Independent – People First political group, removed the Bingham Independent political group and included the newly formed Local Government Reorganisation Task and Finish Group.

The tables below outline the new allocation of committee positions (seat) to political groups:

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LGR T&FG	17	9	3	1	1	1	1	0	1
	143	79	30	6	9	6	9	2	2