Proposed method of calculation for Lancaster City Council

a.   For each committee and subcommittee individually, calculate the number of seats to be allocated to each political Group as follows:

  i.   Multiply the number of committee seats by the number of councillors who belong to that political Group and divide by the total number of councillors. Keep four decimal places. Round to the nearest whole number (i.e. down if the residual is less than 0.5, up if the residual is 0.5 or more)

  ii.   Sum the calculated committee seats across political Groups. If this total is higher than the required number of seats, then subtract a seat from the Group with the lowest residual. In the case of a tie, subtract a seat from the political Group with the higher number of councillors. If the total is lower than the required number of seats, then add a seat to the Group with the highest residual. In the case of a tie, add a seat to the political Group with the higher number of councillors.

  iii.   In the event that the foregoing rules do not resolve the situation, the seat to be subtracted or added should be decided by drawing lots under the supervision of the Mayor.

b.   Repeat the calculations in a. above for the following grouping of committees, which will give 60 committee seats in total.

1x15 (Planning)
1x10 (Licensing)
5x7 (Personnel, Audit, Appeals, Standards, Business)

c.   For the committees specified in b. above, the calculation of seats for the grouping of committees takes precedence over the calculations for each individual committee. Consistent with the allocations obtained from b. above, the number of seats on the individual committees should be allocated as closely as possible to those calculated in a. above. Seats may need to be passed from one Group to another on one or more of the individual committees. The political Groups who need to pass seats to other Groups should choose which committee seats to pass on.