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Council

The Council comprises 54 councillors representing 24 wards. The political balance is:

Conservatives	39
Liberal Democrats	9
Independent Alliance (Kent)	3
Green Party	2
Labour	1

As a result the party with the largest majority and overall control of the Borough Council is the Conservative Party.

The full Council approves the budget and key policies within which Cabinet decisions are taken.

Council

Cabinet

The Leader and five Cabinet members form the Executive. Each Cabinet member has responsibility for particular service areas. Executive decisions may be taken by the full Cabinet or by an individual Cabinet member following consideration of a matter by one of the Advisory Boards.

Cabinet

Committees

The Council appoints a number of committees to which responsibility for specific functions are delegated.

[Area 1 Planning Committee](#)

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Advisory Boards

Advisory Boards give initial consideration to and make recommendations to the Cabinet on matters within their respective terms of reference. Advisory Boards are composed of and chaired by councillors who are not members of the Cabinet.

[Communities and Housing Advisory Board](#)

[Economic Regeneration Advisory Board](#)

[Finance, Innovation and Property Advisory Board](#)

[Planning and Transportation Advisory Board](#)

[Street Scene and Environment Services Advisory Board](#)

Advisory Panels and Groups

These Panels advise the Executive in connection with specific projects or act as liaison bodies with other organisations and partners.

[Joint Transportation Board](#)

[Parish Partnership Panel](#)

[Tonbridge Forum](#)

Tonbridge Forum is piloting an informal public question time in advance of the meeting. Details to follow.