Falkirk Council

Declaration of Results

This report is the Declaration of Results script for Returning Officer.

| Contest Name | Ward 1 - Bo'ness and Blackness |

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 1 - Bo'ness and Blackness. There are 3 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 12,389 and the number of ballot papers received was 5,644 giving a percentage turnout of 45.6%. There were 70 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,394.

The number of first preference votes for each of the candidates was:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
David AITCHISON	Scottish Labour Party	1,041
Stacey DEVINE	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1,202
Lynn MUNRO	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	843
Debra PICKERING	Scottish Green Party	136
Nicholas William PITTS	Scottish Liberal Democrats	90
Ann RITCHIE	Independent	2,262
	Total	5,574

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 1 - Bo'ness and Blackness:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
David AITCHISON	Scottish Labour Party	5
Stacey DEVINE	Scottish National Party (SNP)	2
Ann RITCHIE	Independent	1

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Of the total ballot papers, the following were rejected and not counted on account of:

2011 Order Rule 44(1)	Adjudication Rejection Reason	Number
(a)	Which does not bear a unique identifying mark in a form that is capable of being read by electronic means	0
(b)	On which a number standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	6
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	4
(d)	On which anything is written or marked by which the voter can be identified except the printed number and other unique identifying mark on the back	0
(e)	Which is unmarked or void for uncertainty	60
	Total	70