

Declaration of Results

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

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| Contest Name | Lower Deeside Ward |
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I will now declare the result of the election in the Lower Deeside Ward. There are 3 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 12,555 and the number of ballot papers received was 6,970 giving a percentage turnout of 55.5%. There were 84 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,722.

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

| Candidate Name | Affiliation | Number of First Preference Votes |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Marie Louise BOULTON | Independent | 1,496 |
| M. Tauqeer MALIK | Aberdeen Labour | 1,640 |
| Duncan MASSEY | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 1,194 |
| Sue MULKERRIN | Scottish Liberal Democrats | 316 |
| Ewan Anderson RITCHIE | Scottish National Party (SNP) | 1,051 |
| Gillian TEBBEREN | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 882 |
| Daniel VERHAMME | Scottish Green Party | 307 |
| | Total | 6,886 |

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Lower Deeside Ward:

| Candidate Name | Affiliation | Stage at which Candidate was Elected |
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| Marie Louise BOULTON | Independent | 5 |
| M. Tauqeer MALIK | Aberdeen Labour | 3 |
| Duncan MASSEY | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 5 |

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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 |
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| (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 | 9 |
| (c) | On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate | 63 |
| (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 | 12 |
| Total | | 84 |