

Declaration of Results

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

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| Contest Name | Ward 2 - Preston Seton and Gosford |
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I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 2 - Preston Seton and Gosford. There are 4 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 15,109 and the number of ballot papers received was 6,557 giving a percentage turnout of 43.4%. There were 136 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,285.

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

| Candidate Name | Affiliation | Number of First Preference Votes |
|----------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Paul BROWN | Alba Party for Independence | 66 |
| Lachlan BRUCE | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 1,314 |
| Neil GILBERT | Scottish National Party (SNP) | 1,156 |
| Ben MORSE | Scottish Liberal Democrats | 211 |
| Tim PORTEUS | Scottish Greens - Think Global Act Local | 371 |
| Brooke RITCHIE | Scottish Labour Party | 978 |
| Janis WILSON | Scottish National Party (SNP) | 756 |
| Colin YORKSTON | Scottish Labour Party | 1,569 |
| Total | | 6,421 |

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 2 - Preston Seton and Gosford:

| Candidate Name | Affiliation | Stage at which Candidate was Elected |
|----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Lachlan BRUCE | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 1 |
| Neil GILBERT | Scottish National Party (SNP) | 7 |
| Brooke RITCHIE | Scottish Labour Party | 5 |
| Colin YORKSTON | Scottish Labour Party | 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 |
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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 | 1 |
| (c) | On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate | 128 |
| (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 | 1 |
| (e) | Which is unmarked or void for uncertainty | 6 |
| Total | | 136 |