

Declaration of Results

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

Contest Name

Dingwall and Seaforth

I will now declare the result of the election in the Dingwall and Seaforth. There are 4 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 10,385 and the number of ballot papers received was 4,700 giving a percentage turnout of 45.3%. There were 60 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 929.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Gavin BERKENHEGER	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	650
Les HOOD	Scottish Labour Party	216
Sean Edward KENNEDY	Independent	599
Graham Alexander MACKENZIE	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1,494
Angela MACLEAN	Scottish Liberal Democrats	773
Margaret PATERSON	Independent	698
Thomas WIDROW	Scottish Greens - Delivering For Our Community	210
	Total	4,640

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Dingwall and Seaforth:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Sean Edward KENNEDY	Independent	7
Graham Alexander MACKENZIE	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1
Angela MACLEAN	Scottish Liberal Democrats	3
Margaret PATERSON	Independent	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
(a)	Which does not bear a unique identifying mark in a form that is capable of being read by electronic means	1
(b)	On which a number standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	12
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	47
(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	0
	Total	60