

Declaration of Results

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

Contest Name	Ward 4 - Castle Douglas and Crocketford
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I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 4 - Castle Douglas and Crocketford. There are 3 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 7,751 and the number of ballot papers received was 4,092 giving a percentage turnout of 52.8%. There were 59 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,009.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Liz ASHBURN	Scottish Green Party	243
Pauline DRYSDALE	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1,220
Gill DYKES	Independent	386
Keith HERON	Scottish Labour Party	241
Iain Clark HOWIE	Independent	403
Iain KENNEDY-MOFFAT	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	215
Iain MCDONALD	Scottish Liberal Democrats	313
John Lachlan YOUNG	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1,012
Total		4,033

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 4 - Castle Douglas and Crocketford:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Pauline DRYSDALE	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1
Iain Clark HOWIE	Independent	8
John Lachlan YOUNG	Scottish National Party (SNP)	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	0
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	2
(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	56
	Total	59