

## Declaration of Results

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

### Contest Name

Ward 15 - Aboyne Upper Deeside and Donside

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 15 - Aboyne Upper Deeside and Donside. There are 3 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 9,066 and the number of ballot papers received was 4,881 giving a percentage turnout of 53.8%. There were 40 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,211.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Peter John ARGYLE	Scottish Liberal Democrats	846
Geva BLACKETT	Independent	1,098
Sarah BROWN	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1,029
Anouk KLOPPERT	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1,049
John LAWSON	Scottish Labour Party	179
Claudia LEITH	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	640
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,841</b>

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 15 - Aboyne Upper Deeside and Donside:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Geva BLACKETT	Independent	4
Sarah BROWN	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	3
Anouk KLOPPERT	Scottish National Party (SNP)	6

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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	32
(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	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>40</b>