

## Declaration of Results

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

**Contest Name**

East Sutherland and Edderton

I will now declare the result of the election in the East Sutherland and Edderton. There are 3 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 6,446 and the number of ballot papers received was 3,253 giving a percentage turnout of 50.5%. There were 39 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 804.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Max BANNERMAN	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	546
Harry CHRISTIAN	Scottish Libertarian Party	53
Richard GALE	Scottish Liberal Democrats	1,151
Jim MCGILLIVRAY	Independent	611
Leslie-anne NIVEN	Scottish National Party (SNP)	853
Total		3,214

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the East Sutherland and Edderton:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Richard GALE	Scottish Liberal Democrats	1
Jim MCGILLIVRAY	Independent	4
Leslie-anne NIVEN	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	2
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	27
(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	10
Total		39