Aberdeenshire Council

Declaration of Results

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

| Contest Name | Ward 8 - Mid Formartine |

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 8 - Mid Formartine. There are 4 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 11,612 and the number of ballot papers received was 5,131 giving a percentage turnout of 44.2%. There were 85 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,010.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Andrew John HASSAN	Scottish Liberal Democrats	752
Kenny HUTCHISON	Scottish National Party (SNP)	728
Paul JOHNSTON	Independent	916
Jenny NICOL	Scottish National Party (SNP)	971
Sheila POWELL	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	803
Derek RITCHIE	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	876
	Total	5,046

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 8 - Mid Formartine:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Andrew John HASSAN	Scottish Liberal Democrats	5
Paul JOHNSTON	Independent	3
Jenny NICOL	Scottish National Party (SNP)	2
Derek RITCHIE	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	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	0
(b)	On which a number standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	10
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	68
(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	7
	Total	85