

## Declaration of Results

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

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| Contest Name | Ward 4 - Central Buchan |
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I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 4 - Central Buchan. There are 4 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 11,170 and the number of ballot papers received was 4,742 giving a percentage turnout of 42.5%. There were 85 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 932.

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

| Candidate Name        | Affiliation  | Number of First Preference Votes |
|-----------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Jamie COLE-HAMILTON   | Scottish Green Party                                     | 135                              |
| Charlotte Diana CROSS | Alba Party for independence                              | 111                              |
| Geoff CROWSON         | Scottish National Party (SNP)                            | 705                              |
| Arif MAHMOOD          | Scottish Labour Party                                    | 213                              |
| David MAIR            | Scottish National Party (SNP)                            | 744                              |
| Joanna MOORE          | Scottish Family Party Pro-Family, Pro-Marriage, Pro-Life | 65                               |
| Steve OWEN            | Scottish Conservative and Unionist                       | 679                              |
| Hannah POWELL         | Scottish Conservative and Unionist                       | 871                              |
| Anne Margaret SIMPSON | Scottish Liberal Democrats                               | 607                              |
| Norman John SMITH     | Independent  | 527                              |
| <b>Total</b>          |  | <b>4,657</b>                     |

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 4 - Central Buchan:

| Candidate Name        | Affiliation                        | Stage at which Candidate was Elected |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Geoff CROWSON         | Scottish National Party (SNP)      | 9                                    |
| David MAIR            | Scottish National Party (SNP)      | 9                                    |
| Hannah POWELL         | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 6                                    |
| Anne Margaret SIMPSON | Scottish Liberal Democrats         | 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  | 4         |
| (c)                   | On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate                            | 76        |
| (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   | 5         |
| <b>Total</b>          |   | <b>85</b> |