

## Declaration of Results

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

Contest Name	Ward 18 - Stonehaven and Lower Deeside
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I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 18 - Stonehaven and Lower Deeside. There are 4 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 11,356 and the number of ballot papers received was 5,645 giving a percentage turnout of 49.7%. There were 86 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,112.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Wendy AGNEW	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1,147
Dawn BLACK	Scottish National Party (SNP)	951
Raymond James CHRISTIE	Scottish Labour Party	383
Sarah DICKINSON	Scottish Liberal Democrats	1,263
Dennis ROBERTSON	Scottish National Party (SNP)	550
Rachel Katherine SHANKS	Scottish Green Party	173
Ma SIMPSON	Independent	462
Alan TURNER	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	630
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,559</b>

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 18 - Stonehaven and Lower Deeside:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Wendy AGNEW	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1
Dawn BLACK	Scottish National Party (SNP)	6
Sarah DICKINSON	Scottish Liberal Democrats	1
Alan TURNER	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	8

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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	15
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	66
(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>86</b>