

Declaration of Results

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

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| Contest Name | North West and Central Sutherland |
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I will now declare the result of the election in the North West and Central Sutherland. There are 3 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 4,998 and the number of ballot papers received was 2,788 giving a percentage turnout of 55.8%. There were 32 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 690.

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

| Candidate Name | Affiliation | Number of First Preference Votes |
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| Michael BAIRD | Scottish Liberal Democrats | 773 |
| Charlotte GIBSON | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 302 |
| Marianne HUTCHISON | Scottish National Party (SNP) | 968 |
| Robert Alan JARDINE | Freedom Alliance. People Power.Politics. | 48 |
| Hugh MORRISON | Independent | 477 |
| Clive SOLEY | Scottish Labour Party | 108 |
| Philipp TANZER | Scottish Family Party Pro-Family, Pro-Marriage, Pro-Life | 80 |
| Total | | 2,756 |

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the North West and Central Sutherland:

| Candidate Name | Affiliation | Stage at which Candidate was Elected |
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| Michael BAIRD | Scottish Liberal Democrats | 1 |
| Marianne HUTCHISON | Scottish National Party (SNP) | 1 |
| Hugh MORRISON | Independent | 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 |
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| (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 | 12 |
| (c) | On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate | 20 |
| (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 | 0 |
| Total | | 32 |