

Declaration of Results

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

Contest Name	Ward 7 - Elgin City South
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I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 7 - Elgin City South. There are 3 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 10,149 and the number of ballot papers received was 4,113 giving a percentage turnout of 40.5%. There were 51 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,016.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Peter BLOOMFIELD	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1,090
Paul BRIGGS	Independent	101
John DIVERS	Scottish Labour Party	1,142
Michaela FRENCH	Independent	161
Graham LEADBITTER	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1,444
Bernard Matthew SALMON	Scottish Liberal Democrats	124
Total		4,062

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 7 - Elgin City South:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Peter BLOOMFIELD	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1
John DIVERS	Scottish Labour Party	1
Graham LEADBITTER	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	37
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	1
(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	13
	Total	51