

Declaration of Results

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

Contest Name

Ward 8 - Forres

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

The electorate was 12,511 and the number of ballot papers received was 6,128 giving a percentage turnout of 49.0%. There were 71 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,212.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
James HYNAM	Scottish Labour Party	643
Scott LAWRENCE	Scottish National Party (SNP)	2,077
Paul MCBAIN	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	962
Shaun MOAT	Independent	309
Kathleen ROBERTSON	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1,516
Draeyk VAN DER HORN	Scottish Green Party	550
Total		6,057

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Scott LAWRENCE	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1
Paul MCBAIN	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	3
Kathleen ROBERTSON	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1
Draeyk VAN DER HORN	Scottish Green Party	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	51
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	5
(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	15
	Total	71