

Declaration of Results

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

Contest Name	Ward 1 - Musselburgh
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I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 1 - Musselburgh. There are 4 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 16,636 and the number of ballot papers received was 7,482 giving a percentage turnout of 45.0%. There were 126 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,472.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Ruaridh BENNETT	Scottish Labour Party	1,074
Susan BUTTS	Scottish Liberal Democrats	312
Stephen CARTER	Scottish Family Party Pro-Family, Pro-Marriage, Pro-Life	79
Cher CASSINI	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1,596
Andy FORREST	Scottish Labour Party	1,209
Michelle GRAHAM	Alba Party for Independence	84
Katie MACKIE	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1,082
Shona MCINTOSH	Scottish Greens - Think Global Act Local	991
Iain WHYTE	Scottish National Party (SNP)	929
Total		7,356

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 1 - Musselburgh:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Ruaridh BENNETT	Scottish Labour Party	9
Cher CASSINI	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1
Andy FORREST	Scottish Labour Party	7
Shona MCINTOSH	Scottish Greens - Think Global Act Local	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	2
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	110
(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	14
	Total	126