

## Declaration of Results

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

<b>Contest Name</b>	Tain and Easter Ross
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I will now declare the result of the election in the Tain and Easter Ross. There are 3 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 7,234 and the number of ballot papers received was 3,471 giving a percentage turnout of 48.0%. There were 37 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 859.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Derek LOUDEN	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1,051
Veronica MORRISON	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	364
Sarah RAWLINGS	Scottish Liberal Democrats	739
Alasdair RHIND	Independent	726
Fiona ROBERTSON	Independent	554
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,434</b>

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Tain and Easter Ross:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Derek LOUDEN	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1
Sarah RAWLINGS	Scottish Liberal Democrats	3
Alasdair RHIND	Independent	3

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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	7
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	29
(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	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>