

East Renfrewshire Council
Declaration of Results

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

Contest Name

Ward 2 - Newton Mearns North and Neilston

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 2 - Newton Mearns North and Neilston. There are 3 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 12,455 and the number of ballot papers received was 6,106 giving a percentage turnout of 49.0%. There were 72 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,509.

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

| Candidate Name | Affiliation | Number of First Preference Votes |
|-------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Tony BUCHANAN | Scottish National Party (SNP) | 1,938 |
| Farooq CHOUDHRY | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 501 |
| Adrian EGGLESTONE | Scottish Green Party | 322 |
| Carol MCKENZIE | Alba Party for independence | 55 |
| Derek MCMILLAN | Freedom Alliance. Leave Our Children Alone. | 23 |
| Andrew MORRISON | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 1,579 |
| Owen O'DONNELL | Scottish Labour Party | 1,532 |
| Maria REID | Scottish Family Party Pro-Family, Pro-Marriage, Pro-Life | 84 |
| | Total | 6,034 |

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 2 - Newton Mearns North and Neilston:

| Candidate Name | Affiliation | Stage at which Candidate was Elected |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Tony BUCHANAN | Scottish National Party (SNP) | 1 |
| Andrew MORRISON | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 1 |
| Owen O'DONNELL | Scottish Labour Party | 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 | 0 |
| (c) | On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate | 56 |
| (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 | 16 |
| | Total | 72 |