

Declaration of Results

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

Contest Name	Ward 7 - Whitburn and Blackburn
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I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 7 - Whitburn and Blackburn. There are 4 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 16,945 and the number of ballot papers received was 6,340 giving a percentage turnout of 37.4%. There were 204 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,228.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
JIM DICKSON	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1,734
MARY ROBERSTON DICKSON	Scottish National Party (SNP)	636
Bruce FAIRBAIRN	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1,135
Derek Graham PATTLE	Scottish Liberal Democrats	148
George PAUL	Labour and Co-operative Party	1,237
Carole RACIONZER	Scottish Green Party	190
Kirsteen SULLIVAN	Labour and Co-operative Party	1,056
Total		6,136

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 7 - Whitburn and Blackburn:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
JIM DICKSON	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1
MARY ROBERSTON DICKSON	Scottish National Party (SNP)	6
George PAUL	Labour and Co-operative Party	1
Kirsteen SULLIVAN	Labour and Co-operative 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	26
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	25
(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	1
(e)	Which is unmarked or void for uncertainty	152
Total		204