

## Declaration of Results

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

**Contest Name**

Inverness South

I will now declare the result of the election in the Inverness South. There are 4 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 12,571 and the number of ballot papers received was 5,580 giving a percentage turnout of 44.4%. There were 37 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,109.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Colin AITKEN	Scottish Liberal Democrats	478
Jimmy DUNCAN	Alba Party for independence	104
Claire FILER	Scottish Greens - Delivering For Our Community	299
Ken GOWANS	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1,949
David JARDINE	Scottish Labour Party	402
Duncan MACPHERSON	Independent	1,375
Andrew SINCLAIR	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	936
Total		5,543

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Inverness South:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Colin AITKEN	Scottish Liberal Democrats	6
Ken GOWANS	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1
Duncan MACPHERSON	Independent	1
Andrew SINCLAIR	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	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	27
(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	8
Total		37