## **Declaration of Results**

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**Contest Name** 

Ward 9 - Nith

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 9 - Nith. There are 4 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 10,573 and the number of ballot papers received was 5,079 giving a percentage turnout of 48.0%. There were 72 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,002.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
John Gillespie CAMPBELL	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1,670
Malcolm JOHNSTONE	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	904
Anne MCLAUCHLAN	Scottish Green Party	240
Alastair MUIR	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	515
David Robert SLATER	Independent	488
Keith WALTERS	Scottish Labour Party	835
Angie WHITELAW	Scottish Labour Party	355
	Total	5,007

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 9 - Nith:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
John Gillespie CAMPBELL	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1
Malcolm JOHNSTONE	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	5
David Robert SLATER	Independent	7
Keith WALTERS	Scottish Labour Party	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	2
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	3
(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	67
	Total	72