The Moray Council

Declaration of Results

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Contest Name

Ward 5 - Heldon and Laich

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 5 - Heldon and Laich. There are 4 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 10,794 and the number of ballot papers received was 4,996 giving a percentage turnout of 46.3%. There were 60 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 988.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation		Number of First Preference Votes
James ALLAN	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	-	1,331
CALUM CAMERON	Scottish Liberal Democrats		228
NEIL CAMERON	Scottish National Party (SNP)		1,455
John COWE	Independent		914
Bridget MUSTARD	Scottish Conservative and Unionist		629
Andrew O'NEILL	Scottish Labour Party		379
		Total	4,936

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 5 - Heldon and Laich:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
James ALLAN	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1
NEIL CAMERON	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1
John COWE	Independent	2
Bridget MUSTARD	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	44
(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	13
	Total	60