## The Highland Council

## Declaration of Results

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

## Contest Name

Inverness West

I will now declare the result of the election in the Inverness West. There are 3 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 8,495 and the number of ballot papers received was 3,545 giving a percentage turnout of $41.7 \%$. There were 42 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 876 .

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

| Candidate Name |  | Affiliation |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Nill BOYD | Scottish National Party (SNP) | Number of First <br> Preference Votes |
| Ryan FORBES | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 1,092 |
| lain FORSYTH | Independence for Scotland Party | 327 |
| Shaun Alexander FRASER | Scottish Labour Party | 46 |
| Alex GRAHAM | Liberal Democrat Focus Team | 295 |
| Ryan MACKINTOSH | Scottish Greens - Delivering for Our Community | 1,198 |
| Duncan MCDONALD | Independent | 262 |
| David SANSUM | Independent | 173 |
| Helen SMITH | Independent | 10 |
|  |  | Total |

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

| Candidate Name | Stage at which <br> Candidate was Elected |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Bill BOYD | Scottish National Party (SNP) | 1 |
| Alex GRAHAM | Liberal Democrat Focus Team | 1 |
| Ryan MACKINTOSH | Scottish Greens - Delivering for Our Community | 9 |

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Of the total ballot papers, the following were rejected and not counted on account of:

| 2011 Order <br> 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 <br> electronic means | 0 |
| (b) | On which a number standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some <br> candidate | 3 |
| (c) | On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of <br> more than one candidate | 38 |
| (d) | On which anything is written or marked by which the voter can be identified except the printed <br> number and other unique identifying mark on the back | 0 |
|  | Which is unmarked or void for uncertainty | Total |

