The Highland Council

Declaration of Results

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Contest Name

Inverness Central

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

The electorate was 8,647 and the number of ballot papers received was 3,362 giving a percentage turnout of 38.9%. There were 76 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 822.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Andrew BARNETT	Independent	141
Michael CAMERON	Scottish National Party (SNP)	769
Donald MACKENZIE	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	420
Luigi Andrew MACKINNON	Independent	26
Kate MACLEAN	Scottish National Party (SNP)	589
Bet MCALLISTER	Scottish Labour Party	793
John William MCCOLL	Scottish Family Party Pro-Family, Pro-Marriage, Pro-Life	45
Martin RATTRAY	Scottish Liberal Democrats	211
Sean ROBERTSON	Scottish Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition	47
Arun SHARMA	Scottish Greens - Delivering For Our Community	245
	Total	3,286

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Michael CAMERON	Scottish National Party (SNP)	8
Kate MACLEAN	Scottish National Party (SNP)	10
Bet MCALLISTER	Scottish Labour Party	5

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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	9
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	64
(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	3
	Total	76