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Declaration of Results

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Contest Name

Nairn and Cawdor

I will now declare the result of the election in the Nairn and Cawdor. There are 4 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 10,721 and the number of ballot papers received was 5,218 giving a percentage turnout of 48.7%. There were 62 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,032.

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

| Candidate Name | Affiliation | Number of First Preference Votes |
|---------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Kevin BROOKS | Independent | 192 |
| Laurie FRASER | Independent | 1,215 |
| Michael GREEN | Independent | 857 |
| Barbara Babs JARVIE | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 836 |
| Cal MACLEOD | Scottish Family Party Pro-Family, Pro-Marriage, Pro-Life | 38 |
| Paul OLDHAM | Scottish National Party (SNP) | 1,401 |
| Kevin James REID | Scottish Liberal Democrats | 540 |
| Marjory SMITH | Alba Party for independence | 77 |
| | Total | 5,156 |

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Nairn and Cawdor:

| Candidate Name | Affiliation | Stage at which Candidate was Elected |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Laurie FRASER | Independent | 1 |
| Michael GREEN | Independent | 5 |
| Barbara Babs JARVIE | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 8 |
| Paul OLDHAM | Scottish National Party (SNP) | 1 |

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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 | 1 |
| (b) | On which a number standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate | 17 |
| (c) | On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate | 43 |
| (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 | 1 |
| | Total | 62 |