## The Highland Council

## Declaration of Results

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

## Contest Name

I will now declare the result of the election in the Badenoch and Strathspey. There are 4 Councillors to be elected.
The electorate was 10,899 and the number of ballot papers received was 5,621 giving a percentage turnout of $51.6 \%$. There were 92 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,106 .

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

| Candidate Name | Affiliation | Number of First <br> Preference Votes |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| John BRUCE | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 861 |
| Muriel COCKBURN | Scotish National Party (SNP) | 886 |
| Dave FALLOWS | Scottish National Party (SNP) | 371 |
| Declan GALLACHER | Scottish Liberal Democrats | 489 |
| Pippa HADLEY | Re-elect your Scottish Green Councillor | 568 |
| Russell JONES | Independent | 1,280 |
| Bill LOBBAN | Independent | 842 |
| Charlie WHELAN | Scottish Labour Party | 232 |
|  |  | Total |

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

| Candidate Name | Affiliation | Stage at which <br> Candidate was Elected |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| John BRUCE | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 8 |
| Muriel COCKBURN | Scottish National Party (SNP) | 4 |
| Russell JONES | Independent | 1 |
| Bill LOBBAN | Independent | 6 |

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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 | 2 |
| (c) | On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of <br> more than one candidate | 79 |
| (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 |
| (e) | Which is unmarked or void for uncertainty | 11 |
|  |  | Total |

