## The Highland Council

## Declaration of Results

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

## Contest Name

Wester Ross Strathpeffer and Lochalsh

I will now declare the result of the election in the Wester Ross Strathpeffer and Lochalsh. There are 4 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 10,406 and the number of ballot papers received was 5,485 giving a percentage turnout of $52.7 \%$. There were 74 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,083 .

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

| Candidate Name | Affiliation | Number of First <br> Preference Votes |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Chris BIRT | Scottish National Party (SNP) | 988 |
| Biz CAMPBELL | Independent | 1,552 |
| Margot KERR | Scottish Liberal Democrats | 700 |
| Liz KRAFT | Scottish National Party (SNP) |  |
| Patrick LOGUE | Scottish Conservative and Unionist |  |
|  |  | Total |

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Wester Ross Strathpeffer and Lochalsh:

| Candidate Name | Affiliation <br> Candidate was Elected |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Chris BIRT | Scottish National Party (SNP) | 2 |
| Biz CAMPBELL | Independent | 1 |
| Liz KRAFT | Scottish National Party (SNP) | 1 |
| Patrick LOGUE | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 5 |

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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 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
|  | Which does not bear a unique identifying mark in a form that is capable of being read by <br> electronic means | 0 |
| (a) | On which a number standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some <br> candidate | 6 |
| (b) | On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of <br> more than one candidate | 50 |
| (c) | 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 |
| (d) | Which is unmarked or void for uncertainty | Total |

