## The Highland Council

## **Declaration of Results**

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

**Contest Name** 

Ward 19 - Inverness South

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 19 - Inverness South. There is 1 Councillor to be elected.

The electorate was 12,664 and the number of ballot papers received was 3,325 giving a percentage turnout of 26.3%. There were 20 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,653.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Jonathan CHARTIER	Scottish Liberal Democrats	652
Jimmy DUNCAN	Alba Party	107
Ryan FORBES	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	533
Andrew MACDONALD	Sovereignty	41
Duncan Cameron MCDONALD	Independent	730
Gordon SHANKS	Scottish National Party (SNP)	641
Arun SHARMA	Scottish Green Party	237
Ron STEVENSON	Scottish Labour Party	364
	Total	3,305

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following is elected as Councillor for the Ward 19 - Inverness South:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Duncan Cameron MCDONALD	Independent	8

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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	17
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	0
(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	20