

## Declaration of Results

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

**Contest Name**

Ward 6 - Cromarty Firth

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 6 - Cromarty Firth. There is 1 Councillor to be elected.

The electorate was 9,774 and the number of ballot papers received was 2,410 giving a percentage turnout of 24.7%. There were 25 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,193.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Steve CHISHOLM	Alba Party for independence	91
Ross COSTIGANE	Scottish Liberal Democrats	290
Richard James CROSS	Independent	503
Ryan FORBES	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	48
ALLAN MACDONALD	Reform UK	348
ODETTE MACDONALD	Scottish National Party (SNP)	568
Michael Robert PERERA	Scottish Labour Party	77
Martin RATTRAY	Independent	368
Anne THOMAS	Scottish Greens	92
Total		2,385

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following is elected as Councillor for the Ward 6 - Cromarty Firth:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Richard James CROSS	Independent	9

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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	2
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	21
(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	2
Total		25