

The Highland Council

Declaration of Results

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

Contest Name

Ward 7 - Tain and Easter Ross

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 7 - Tain and Easter Ross. There is 1 Councillor to be elected.

The electorate was 7,183 and the number of ballot papers received was 2,430 giving a percentage turnout of 33.8%. There were 18 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,207.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Manuel ANDROULAKAKIS	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	45
Andrew BARNETT	Scottish Greens	78
Peter NEWMAN	Scottish National Party (SNP)	356
Eric NIMMONS	Independent	686
Connie RAMSAY	Scottish Liberal Democrats	935
Stuart WILSON	Reform UK	312
Total		2,412

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following is elected as Councillor for the Ward 7 - Tain and Easter Ross:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Connie RAMSAY	Scottish Liberal Democrats	6

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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	1
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	6
(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	11
Total		18