

# Tain and Easter Ross By-election Results

The Highland Council Local Government By-election

Electoral Ward No. 8 - Tain and Easter Ross

Thursday 9 June 2011

Declaration of Notice of Result

I, Alistair Dodds, the Returning Officer at the above election hereby give notice that, after application of the Single Transferable Vote count rules, the total number of votes given for each candidate at the by-election was as follows:

| Candidate              | Party                         | Total No. of Votes Given for Candidate | Eliminated at the end of Stage No. |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Antony GARDNER         | Scottish Liberal Democrat     | 318                                    | 2                                  |
| Michael HERD           | Independent                   | 97                                     | 1                                  |
| Derek William LOUDEN   | Scottish National Party (SNP) | 1,037                                  |                                    |
| Ruairidh MACKENZIE     | Independent                   | 547                                    | 3                                  |
| <b>Fiona ROBERTSON</b> | <b>Independent</b>            | <b>1,204</b>                           |                                    |

And that Fiona Robertson has been duly elected to serve as a councillor for Ward 8 (Tain and Easter) multimember ward.

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| <b>Electorate</b>                   | 6,962 |
| <b>Total Number of Votes Cast</b>   | 2,536 |
| <b>Percentage Poll</b>              | 36.4% |
| <b>Total Rejected Ballot Papers</b> | 17    |
| <b>Total Valid Votes</b>            | 2,519 |
| <b>Quota</b>                        | 1,260 |

The number of papers rejected and not counted by me at this by-election was:

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| <b>1. Want of Official Mark</b>  |           |
| <b>2. On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a 1st preference is set opposite the name of more than 1 candidate</b> | 3         |
| <b>3. Over voting</b>  | 14        |
| <b>4. Writing or mark by which voter could be identified</b>   |           |
| <b>5. Unmarked or void for uncertainty</b>   |           |
| <b>Total Number Rejected</b>   | <b>17</b> |

Alistair Dodds, Returning Officer

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