

Declaration of Results

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

Contest Name

Thurso and Northwest Caithness

I will now declare the result of the election in the Thurso and Northwest Caithness. There are 4 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 10,242 and the number of ballot papers received was 5,173 giving a percentage turnout of 50.5%. There were 34 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,028.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Alexander GLASGOW	Independent	151
Iain GREGORY	Independent	660
Ron GUNN	Scottish Liberal Democrats	1,411
Struan MACKIE	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	921
Matthew REISS	Independent	1,049
Karl ROSIE	Scottish National Party (SNP)	947
	Total	5,139

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Thurso and Northwest Caithness:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Ron GUNN	Scottish Liberal Democrats	1
Struan MACKIE	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	2
Matthew REISS	Independent	1
Karl ROSIE	Scottish National Party (SNP)	5

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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	5
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	24
(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	5
	Total	34